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Tottenham's Peter Taylor
shields the ball from
Nottingham Forest
midfielder Martin O'Neill.

Luther Blissett scored both Watford's goals in their 2-1 League Cup win v. Man. Utd.



FIRST DIVISION SHOCKS!

THE song has it that "Fings Ain't Wot They Useter-Be!" But this season, at least as far as the First Division is concerned, not much has changed.

Mid-November, 1977, saw Forest, Liverpool, Everton, Manchester City, West Bromwich, and Coventry in the driving-seat of the top six.

Mid-November, 1978, had the table led by Liverpool, Everton, West Bromwich, Forest, Arsenal,

and Coventry in those high-flying positions.

So apart from Arsenal coming in for Manchester City — and even they were only one place below at seventh — the set-up was identical.

There were, however, some shocks there. F.A. Cup-holders Ipswich — right down in the relegation zone, and with a whole heap of internal problems as well — for one.

All the three promoted teams had a decidedly dodgy start — though Tottenham's embarrassing 7-0 drubbing at Anfield seemed to spark something off.

After that, belts were tightened, they bucked-up to the top half of the table — and the earlier derisive chants of "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" began to sound a bit flat as Senor Ardiles settled himself in well enough to cause more than the odd headache to opponents.

But neither Bolton nor Southampton seemed able to shake off their own stuttering starts as readily as the by now rather Hotter-spurs.

A somewhat different situation, though, for the promotees from the Fourth — with Watford and Swansea carrying on where they left off, and lording it at the top of

the Third; Southend not that far below; and only Brentford having teething troubles.

Certainly there was evidence to suggest last season's Divisional uplift for Watford and Swansea — clubs geared to long-term success at both managerial and board level — isn't going to be their last for the immediate future.

Currently, "little" clubs they may still be — but clubs which both think, and act, big.

And, by and large, it's the so-called little ones who've been causing shocks and surprises all round.

Time was when it was suggested the real top-liners weren't all that bothered about the League Cup. But nowadays, with an automatic place "in Europe" as part of the Wembley prize, that can hardly be the case any more.

LEAGUE CUP GIANTKILLERS

All the same, there was an almost unprecedented list of upsets early on — with Third and Fourth Division clubs really hogging the limelight at the expense of their "betters".

By the time of the last eight ... only 50 per cent of the survivors were from the First Division elite.

Everyone (outside of fans of the defeated themselves!) loves a giantkiller — and, in the League Cup they abounded, with Second Division sides taking over when most of the Third and Fourth finally fell.

But it can hardly be called a giantkilling with England's two currently best sides meet first-time-out ... and, inevitably, one has to go.

EUROPEAN CUP 'TRAGEDY'

Rather more was it a tragedy when holders Liverpool and Forest were paired so early in the European Cup — what the odds were against that happening only a statistician can work out! — and Clough's lads deservedly cut short Liverpool's equally deserved hopes of a three-in-a-row triumph.

What a Final that would have been — and British fans can now only keep their fingers crossed Forest and Rangers are luckier in being kept apart in the draw.

Managers came, and managers went, just as they always do — it's only the directors, who appoint them in the first place, who seem to have an almost permanent place at the top of a club's notepaper! — and the jobs of others looked more than a little rocky.

One who didn't ultimately go found himself in court amidst a blaze of publicity of the kind even that colourful character hasn't encountered before.

Others discovered (if they had the heart to check on statistics) the current casualty-rate amongst team-bosses averages out at one-plus per week.

In fact, at times it seemed there was almost as much happening off the field as on it!

MORE BAD BOYS

Also off the field was a disturbing number of players dispatched for "early-baths" — and, before mid-season, it was already beginning to look as if 1978-79 was destined to hit a new high (or low!) in the total of bad-boys sent-off.

New, or newish, names came on the scene — and, almost inevitably, it was Forest who provided a couple of them.

Out of the blue — or maybe, in their case, red — they unearthed an "unknown" called Garry Birtles to take over in attack, and help retrieve a rather disappointing start to the season.

Inevitably, the first black player to wear an England shirt in a full international was on the imminent horizon, and — leaping ahead of earlier "fancies" like Laurie Cunningham or Cyrille Regis — it turned out to be the Forest fire of Viv Anderson who got the first nod from Ron Greenwood.

Still in the League Cup, Swansea (dark socks) beat Spurs 3-1 at White Hart Lane.



REPORT

has gone so far...

UNBEATEN FOR OVER A YEAR

Anderson was just one member of a Forest side which sentenced their First Division rivals to 12 months' hard-labour — for by mid-November it was more than a year, and a new record, since Clough's boys had been beaten in a League game.

Around the country, other newcomers made their presence felt. An Everton lad called Billy Wright — a name which rings a bell somewhere — forced his way into the England Under-21 team on the strength of a mere handful of League appearances.

Then young Ian Edwards went great-guns with Chester — and made his full Welsh international debut a real celebration with four goals.

True, it was against "little" Malta — but four goals, against anyone, can't be written-off lightly nowadays.

Goalscorers are like gold-dust — and, just to rub in why the scouts are continually watching him, the youngster scored a hat-trick for his club only three days later.

And London — a bit out of the limelight in the last few seasons — has also brought on a couple of comparative newcomers to wow the crowds in Vince Hilaire of Palace and Fulham's Richard Money.

BLISSETT — SWEET MUSIC FOR WATFORD

Then, just outside the capital, Jamaican-born Luther Blissett is proving as much sweet-music to the Watford fans as anything provided by chairman Elton John.

Ask Manchester United. Amongst other feats, it was Blissett's two goals which swept Manchester United out of the League Cup — and up at Old Trafford, at that!

FADING STAR

But, as new star-names emerge, so others gradually fade. And it was sad to see Emlyn Hughes — a Liverpool and England stalwart of immeasurable courage and guts — for a while on the sidelines at Anfield.

Where was the angry transfer demand? It wasn't there at all — and Emlyn's philosophical, and sensible, acceptance of the hard-facts of advancing soccer-years was an object-lesson to some younger so-called stars whose Prima Donna attitudes condemn them never to reach the status and stature of the likes of Hughes.

Undoubtedly the saddest aspect of the opening months of the 1978-79 season was the growing realisation that — short of a major re-think — professional soccer is fast becoming the unacceptable and ugly face of British sport.

F.A. Cup holders Ipswich (light shirts) had a disastrous start to this term.



Crowds diminish because many decent lads — and Dads — simply won't any longer risk personal injury from boot or bottle.

Directors, like Victorian mill-owners, hire and fire managers on the flimsiest of pretexts; those same managers squeak and squawl if their side is beaten by a better team; while players commit "professional" fouls in cold-blood far more deplorable than anything in the rash heat of the moment.

Not all, of course, by any means. Not by a very long way. But still by far too many.

There's a hoary old chestnut that Rugby is a game for hooligans played by gentlemen. But, latterly, soccer has been depicted as "a game played, watched, managed, and directed by hooligans — or by those too timid to stand up to them."

Harsh words — maybe over-exaggerated — but some of them, at least, take some disputing.

Happily, there are many, many decent people left in all walks of the game who deserve the support — active and moral — of all those others who love it.

Take Brian Clough, for one. He insists on a well-organised, disciplined team. He demands decent, orderly supporters. He doesn't suffer fools gladly, and stands no nonsense.

And, what's more, he — and his club — SUCCEEDS.

Somewhere therein lies a lesson for everyone — and that includes YOU — even remotely connected with the game.

Liverpool's (dark strip) hopes of winning the European Cup three times in a row were dashed by Nottingham Forest in the First Round.



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OFF — all of them!

What's the highest number of players
ever to be sent-off in a single game?

STEPHEN COOKE,
HALSTEAD

● Well, statistically, you can't really
beat a League game in Spain between
Teijeiro and Cecebre in March, 1976,
Stephen — in which the ref sent off THE
LOT!

After dismissing four players for fight-
ing and dissent, referee Jose Barbeito
Lopez disallowed a goal for offside.

A mass punch-up involving the
remaining 18 players started — so a fed-
up Lopez sent them all off as well.

After which, he solemnly bowed to
the crowd — and trudged off himself!

Closed shop at Liverpool

Can you tell me which team has used
the fewest players in a Football League
season?

ANDREW GATENBY,
MARKET DRAYTON

● Liverpool take that one, Andrew —
they used only 14 players for their 42
games in winning the League title in
1965-66.

Gerry Byrne, Ian Callaghan, Tommy
Lawrence, Tommy Smith, and Ron
Yeats were all ever-presents. Ian St.
John and Willie Stevenson each notched-
up 41; while Chris Lawler and Peter
Thompson both played 40 League
games.

The remaining players were Roger
Hunt (37 games); Gordon Milne (28);
Geoff Strong (21); Alf Arrowsmith
(three); and Bobby Graham (one).

Super "Tosh"

How many goals did my favourite
player John Toshack score for Liverpool
before he became Swansea's player-
manager, and when did he make his
debut for The Reds?

ANDREW OWEN,
DYFFED

● Toshack scored 74 goals in 172
League games for Liverpool, Andrew —
before which he scored exactly the
same number of 74 in 161 games for
Cardiff.

After his £110,000 transfer from Car-
diff, "Tosh" made his Liverpool debut in
a 0-0 home draw with Coventry on 14th
November, 1970. His first goal was in
the 3-2 local derby defeat of Everton the
following Saturday.

Dean or McGrory?

Which of these two great old-timers —
Dixie Dean or Jimmy McGrory — scored
the most League goals in their career?

RAYMOND BRENNAN,
GLASGOW

● Scotland wins that one, Raymond!
McGrory scored 410 League goals for
Celtic and Clydebank between 1922 and
1938.

Dean had 379 for Tranmere, Everton,
and Notts County between 1923 and
1937.

Both, though, are pipped by Arthur
Rowley — 434 League goals for West
Bromwich, Fulham, Leicester, and
Shrewsbury between 1946 and 1965.

SHORT PASSES

● In the goal-happy 1960 European
Cup Final, Ferenc Puskas (four) and
Alfredo di Stefano (three) scored
Real Madrid's goals in their 7-3 win
over Eintracht Frankfurt.

(SAMANTHA SPENCER,
Co. Durham)

● The first sub ever used in the
Football League was Charlton's
Keith Peacock — 13 minutes after
the start of the game at Bolton on
21st August, 1965.

(IAIN COTTINGHAM, Newcastle)

● The biggest F.A. Cup Final win
was the 6-0 margin by which Bury
beat Derby County in 1903.

(SEAN BENSON, Lincoln)

● Arsenal won the former Euro-
pean Fairs Cup in 1969-70 — the
season before they gained the F.A.
Cup and League "Double".

(JOHN RYAN, Co. Waterford)

● Little Brian Flynn, Leeds' Welsh
international midfielder, is 5ft.
3½ins. in height.

(MALCOLM BURNETT, Sarawak)

● Cambridge United's first League
game was a 1-1 home Fourth Divi-
sion draw with Lincoln on 15th
August, 1970.

(KEVIN ELLIS, Hythe)

● Steve Ogrizovic, Ray Clemence's
deputy, was born in Mansfield, and
joined Liverpool from Chesterfield.

(ROBERTO AMEJENDA,
Eastbourne)

● Eire international Paul McGee
joined Q.P.R. from Sligo Rovers on
17th November, 1977.

(SIMON FORSATT,
Bury St. Edmunds)

● Barnsley player-manager Allan
Clarke scored ten goals in his 19 full
internationals for England.

(NORZALI UAD-YASIN, Singapore)

● Manchester United won the F.A.
Cup in 1909, 1948, 1963, and 1977,
and were beaten Finalists in 1957,
1958, and 1976.

(ANDREW BOWDEN, Norwich)

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out that although all letters
are read, he can only reply
to published questions because
of shortage of time.



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forward, attack other sides home and away, and they don't care if it's sometimes reckless, almost suicidal football.

Sexton doesn't work that way. He is one of the game's most respected coaches and he wants to see his side doing things the right way. Working to a method rather than intuition.

Brian Greenhoff pinpoints the difference when he says: "Under Tommy Docherty, we were a young side, full of running. We ran other sides off their feet."

"But Dave is more into the coaching side. He's made us a lot more solid, more professional. Maybe we have lost a little of the old Manchester United attacking flair but in the long run, I think it

will be for the best.

"The crowd have got on our backs this season, which is unusual for them. They're normally behind us all the way. That could be the reason we haven't done so well at home. You normally reckon us to be good bets for wins at home. But this season, our best performances have been away. We just haven't been able to find our proper Old Trafford form."

Following someone like Tommy Docherty was bound to cause some problems for Sexton. The Doc has always believed in encouraging his team to be as flamboyant as himself. He fitted easily into the traditional United form of playing.

TIME —

that's what manager Dave Sexton needs to restore the glory-glory days to Old Trafford

A happy Dave Sexton after securing the signature of Scotland international Joe Jordan from Leeds United. Sexton's predecessor Tommy Docherty (below) celebrates United's 2-1 win against Liverpool in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.



MANCHESTER United manager Dave Sexton has discovered this season that, at Old Trafford, it's not so much what you do as the way you do it.

Sexton has been under fire from the fans this season because they don't feel the team is showing the swashbuckling style of former United sides.

They were actually booed off after a home draw with Southampton and a lot of supporters called for Sexton's head. That, at a time when the club were in fifth place in the First Division table!

There are plenty of sides who would regard that sort of standing as success in itself. Not at Old Trafford.

They've been so spoiled by success over the years they now expect it almost as their right. Not only that, United teams have always done it in their own stylish way.

Sexton has shown a lot of courage in building a side in his own image, rather than using a cast from a previous United team. But in doing so, he's made the fans feel betrayed.

They expect their team to go

Sexton is different altogether to Docherty. Not only in his coaching techniques but in his manner off the field — quiet and serious. That could be another reason why the supporters haven't taken to him. They mistake his silence for aloofness.

Sexton has added big money signings Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen to the team he inherited from Docherty, which the fans believe should make them an even better side than the one that went to Wembley two seasons in a row under The Doc.

And they weren't happy with the sale of winger Gordon Hill, a symbol of the previous team's chirpy, aggressive style.

Sexton hopes £300,000 midfielder Mike Thomas from Wrexham will help to give United the balance on the left missing since Hill's controversial departure.

"The lad has settled in quickly in a role familiar to him. He gives us width on the left and is keen to prove himself at the highest level," he says.

On the goalkeeper's spot: "If young Gary Bailey keeps doing well, the chance is there for him to take."

United is a special club. You can tell that when you see supporters milling about early on match day mornings, just wanting to be near the place. They have the right to expect the best.

Sexton himself acknowledges that when he says: "I have signed a three-year contract and it is up to me to produce the goods in that time. I have served a year already so it's time I won something."

Sexton has perhaps misjudged the mood of the United fans, in the same way they have been hasty in condemning him.

Both should give the other something that seems to be more and more precious these days. A little time.

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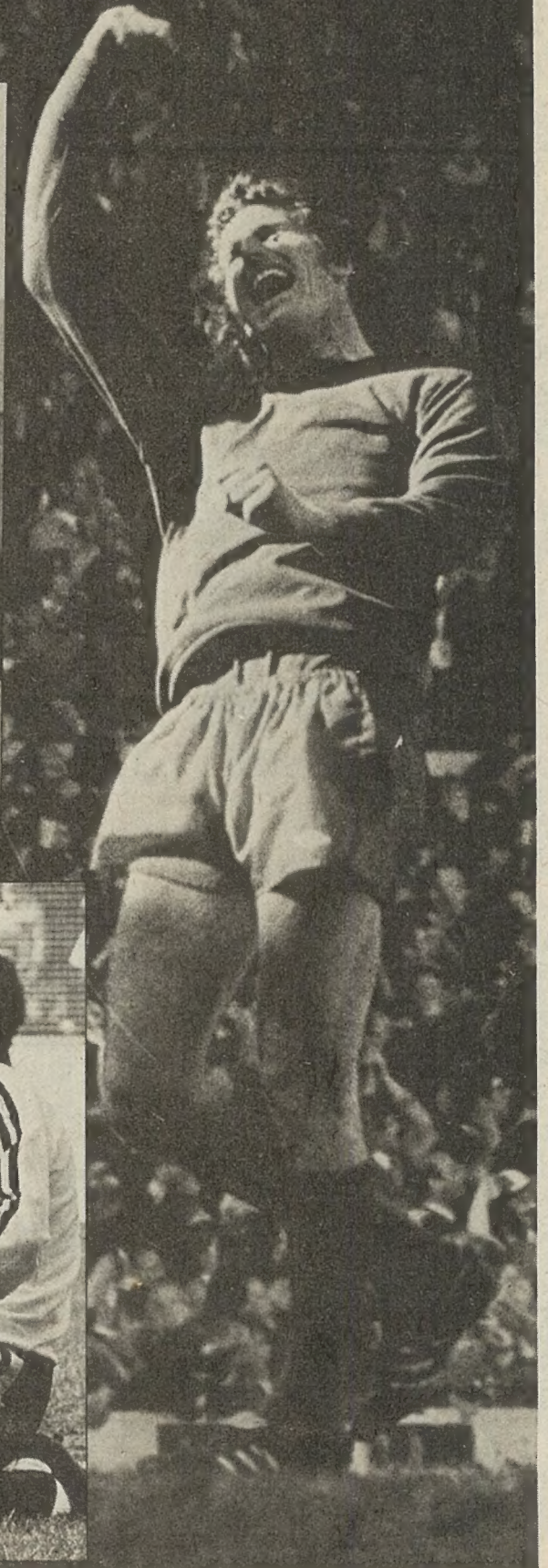


Clemence (above) raises his arms in triumph after Liverpool had beaten Borussia Mönchengladbach to qualify for the 1978 European Cup Final. Ray (right) can do nothing to stop Bruce Rioch's penalty for Scotland. England won 5-1 at Wembley in 1975. One of Clemence's biggest international clangers was when he allowed a Kenny Dalglish shot (far right) through his legs to give Scotland a 2-1 win in 1976.



LEFT . . . Liverpool return in glory after they had successfully defended the European Cup at Wembley last May.
BELOW LEFT . . . The 1975-76 League Championship is on its way to Anfield after Liverpool had beaten Wolves to clinch the trophy.
BELOW . . . Our SHOOT columnist celebrates another goal for 'Pool at Anfield. This time against Ipswich.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF RAY CLEMENCE



SORRY, JOE

IT seems practically every Bristol City fan has either written or telephoned me about a mistake I made in NEWS DESK, 18th November issue.

I said Joe Royle joined City from Everton. He was transferred from Manchester City, of course. Everton were Joe's first club.

BIRMINGHAM City haven't had the happiest of seasons so far and they've become the butt of many jokes. The latest is about the Blues fan who nailed his season ticket to a tree. When he returned a few days later someone had taken . . . the nail!

'WATCH NORWAY'

JIMMY McCALLIOG, the former Wolves and Southampton player, is predicting Norway will be a force to be reckoned with in a few years' time.

McCalliog has recently spent a spell in Norway as player-coach of Skeid and feels the standard of play is improving all the time.

He said: "I think this point was proved when Norway were only narrowly beaten 3-2 by Scotland."

HAVE you noticed what a long list of clubs since last season have paid their biggest-ever fees? It applied with all these: Glenn Roeder (Q.P.R.), Alex Sabella (Sheffield United), Neil McNab (Bolton), Arnold Muhren (Ipswich), Mick Burns (Cardiff), Leighton James (Burnley), Bob Tynan (Blackpool), Geoff Salmons (Chesterfield), Hugh McAuley (Tranmere), Steve Waddington (Walsall), Ken Todd (Port Vale), Ken Johnson (Halifax), Keith Oakes (Newport), and Dave Tomlin (Aldershot). Any more on the way?

MORE PLAYERS WANTED DOWN UNDER

THERE are opportunities for good class free transfer players with Football League or Scottish League experience to start new careers in Australia.

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COLIN MURPHY COULDN'T RESIST THE LINCOLN CHALLENGE



IT'S been said many times by many people football is the sort of sport that can get under a man's skin.

How else can you explain the way managers who've had their fingers burned in the past consistently return to a notoriously insecure profession.

The latest example is provided by nice guy Colin Murphy (left) who has given up the comparative calm of coaching Notts County for a second stab at management with Third Division Lincoln City.

Murphy could have been forgiven for walking out of football once and for all after his appalling experience with Derby County, but addicted to the game like so many others he just couldn't resist.

It must be still be fresh in his mind how his own previous management job turned into a tortuous nightmare.

There was hardly a day without intrigue at the Baseball Ground and regular rumblings about Murphy's future, coupled with stories about Brian Clough returning to Derby made for a most unhappy period.

The shameful way things were handled left Murphy very disillusioned.

He was a pawn in a very unfriendly game and when he was inevitably shown the door, to be replaced by Tommy Docherty, the scholarly Colin Murphy was the only one to emerge from the affair with any credit.

Now 13 months on, Murphy can afford a smile as he reflects: "Nothing could be harder than the inferno I walked through at Derby."

Thirty-four-year-old Murphy retained his dignity and was given a recuperative chance by Jimmy Sirrel at Notts County.

"Twelve months alongside Jimmy was as good as five years' experience. But I've always fancied running my own show and I know I'm now a better manager than when I was given the job at Derby."

Murphy sees the Lincoln job as a challenge — he has to with the Sincil Bank club at the foot of the Third Division — but he says the position is no more daunting than the one he inherited at Derby.

NEWS

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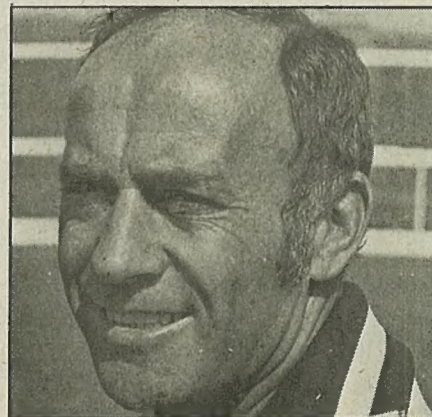


DESK

FIVE players who really ought to form a "club" of their own are strikers who have enjoyed the rare triumph of hitting hat-tricks against their old clubs. Their names? Malcolm Macdonald (Arsenal) and Peter Noble (Burnley) v. Newcastle, Derek Hales (Charlton) v. Luton, Mike Flanagan (Charlton) v. Spurs and Dave Gwyther (Rotherham) v. Swansea.

FACTastic

DURING the last War Swindon Town F.C. closed down for the duration. Their ground was requisitioned by the Government as a prisoner-of-war camp.



BROKE HIS NECK — and never knew it

SOMETIME during his soccer career Ron Saunders (above), Aston Villa's manager, broke his neck and it was only recently he made the discovery!

The former Everton and Portsmouth centre-forward had been complaining about pains in his neck, shoulder and back for the past few years but it was only after an X-ray the reason came to light.

The injury healed itself but left some side effects which are now being treated.

Saunders said: "I now realise just how lucky I've been because the consequences could have been very serious."

Nish for America

DAVID Nish (left, centre) who cost a record £225,000 when Brian Clough signed him from Leicester City in 1972, is to play in America next year.

Derby have agreed to transfer him to Tulsa Roughnecks, for a fee of about £10,000.

He will be linking up with his two former Derby colleagues, Alan Hinton and Terry Hennessey.

Nish is now hoping his luck will turn in America following three rather dismal years at Derby.



ONE of the stars of Munster's historic win over the touring All Blacks was scrum-half Tony Ward, the former Shamrock Rovers winger.

Tony, who is also Ireland's number 10, had to abandon his soccer career because of the hectic weekends.

He used to play Rugby Union in Limerick on Saturdays and soccer with Rovers in Dublin on Sundays.

STOPPER PATERSON GETS THE GOALS

"HAVE a go in the front-line," Manchester United centre-back Steve Paterson (below) was told. So the tall Scot — he is 6ft 2in in his football socks and weighs 13st 5lb — did as he was bid, pulled on the number nine shirt and started banging in goals instead of stopping them.

He scored seven in the first five Central League matches for United. Now Steve, who comes from the Elgin area of Scotland, is hoping he will get a run out in the first team.

"I quite like it up-front . . . and am really enjoying having a go at scoring," he said. "Naturally I would like a go in the first team."

And if he maintains that rate of popping in goals that chance could be his before long.



THIS season has added Ipswich Town to the company of Football League clubs which have operated at one time or another in all the three European Cup competitions. Only seven others have done so . . . Everton, Liverpool, the Manchester pair, Leeds United, Spurs and Wolves.

IAN Rooks, 14 - year - old son of former Sunderland and Middlesbrough centre-half, is attracting attention in the North-West. Newcastle United, Arsenal and Leeds United have offered trials for a left-sided midfielder player who has also played centre-half for Sunderland Boys.

END FOR BRADSHAW

AFTER more than a year battling to save his career, Sheffield Wednesday winger Paul Bradshaw was told recently he will never play again because of severe arthritis in his injured knee. At 25, with fewer than 80 League appearances with Wednesday and Burnley, he will have to find a new career. Bradshaw, a former Sheffield schoolboy star, returned to his native city two years ago when Wednesday paid £25,000 to Burnley.

DIXIE DEAN

The Story of a goalscoring legend

SOME sporting heroes fade from memory as their records and achievements are broken by the stars of the next generation. But one hero from the past retains an individual feat never likely to be challenged, let alone beaten.

Willie Ralph "Dixie" Dean scored 60 goals in one season (more than most TEAMS score today) while playing for Everton in 1927-28, and since then no footballer in the English League has come near to topping that.

In his biography, **DIXIE DEAN** (published on December 8th to coincide with the centenary of Everton), writer Nick Walsh traces the career of the greatest centre-forward of all time.

It's an absorbing story of an amazing character, a man who it is said is the only Englishman to have ever been given a standing ovation at Hampden Park!

DIXIE DEAN is in paperback, published by Pan Books, price 95p (U.K.).



NEWCASTLE United youth coach Frank Spraggon has quit. The former Middlesbrough defender, disillusioned at St. James' Park, is to seek a post abroad.

Spraggon ended his playing career with a summer stint for Minnesota Kicks, America, or Scandinavia, could tempt him.

Spraggon is a son - in - law of former England trainer Harold Shepherdson.

KENNY BURNS NO LONGER SOCCER'S "BAD BOY"

NOTTINGHAM Forest's Kenny Burns (right) has proved conclusively to the most demanding management in the country his "bad-boy" image is dead and buried.

Scottish international defender Burns is now on the sidelines for a few weeks after a cartilage operation. But his last performance in a Forest shirt brought a glowing testimony from Brian Clough's right-hand man, Peter Taylor.

Burns was injured in the seventh minute of Forest's Football League Cup-tie at Everton but continued to play in great pain until eight minutes from the final whistle.

"I never want to hear any more talk about Burns' behaviour before he came to the City Ground," said Taylor. "Kenny Burns is growing in character each and every match. His performance at Goodison gave a perfect example of exactly what is needed to win trophies."

Footballer of the Year Burns is expected to be back in action around Christmas.



CELTIC may look to Newcastle for John Blackley, the ex-Hib, to strengthen their defence, following failure to persuade Carlisle United to part with centre-half Iain McDonald.

Blackley is happily settled at Tyneside. But if Newcastle are agreeable the prospect of playing again in the Scottish Premier Division could prove tempting for the Scottish international.

WEST Ham and Manchester United are both interested in young Bristol Rovers goalkeeper Martin Thomas, as yet unknown outside of Eastville.

But the two clubs were shaken when Rovers' boss Bobby Campbell quoted a price on his brilliant prospect. He wants £400,000. So what price Shilton?

ARSENAL BOUND

TALENTED Belfast youngster Grant Stewart will be joining Arsenal boss Terry Neill's Irish "colony" at Highbury, early in the New Year.

A promising forward, 16 - year - old Grant's dad is none other than ex-Linfield wing-ace Tommy Stewart, who gained every major honour in Northern Ireland soccer with the Windsor Blues, including full international recognition, back in the early 1960's.

WHEN Bobby Tynan left Tranmere Rovers for Blackpool during the summer he felt it was a good move and the Seasiders would be heading for promotion.

Sadly for Bobby he's run into knee trouble and so he's been able to make no impact.

Strangely Blackpool have had to look for replacements for £150,000 worth of talent they've only just recruited.

Apart from Tynan they've also cancelled out the costly signing of Sunderland's Mel Holden, by selling him again already — to Dutch club Tootzwolle.

IRISH BEST

WHEN the Scottish League and the Irish League shared the spoils in their recent 1-1 Motherwell draw, it was the first-ever drawn encounter in the 54-game history of the series between the two Leagues.

It was also the Irish League's best-ever away display against the Scots, their three triumphs all being clinched in Belfast, the last as long ago as 1933.

And opportunist Ards' striker Tom Armstrong made a little bit of history in the Fir Park clash by notching the Irish League's 50th goal in the Ulster-Scots Inter-League series.

HARRY Lawrie, secretary of the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association, has called on players to "cut the play-acting." He says too many players are getting other professionals sent-off or into trouble with referees by dramatising incidents and making them look more serious than they are.

Lawrie says it is time the players began acting like professionals and plans to call a meeting of all the captains of Scotland's 38 senior clubs to discuss the problem.

NORWICH boss John Bond is never afraid to push his boys in at the deep end. Young Richard Symonds only signed professional in August, but was quickly given a shattering job in big matches.

And young Richard has proved a Fair Cop! He was given the task of policing such fleet-footed characters as Clive Walker (Chelsea) and Peter Taylor (Tottenham). And he did a mighty capable job, too!

Bond says: "Richard isn't too hot at making space, but give him a man to mark and he'll do a fine job. I've got a lot of faith in him. He has the ability and the urge to do well in the game."

BECAUSE they could not afford to fly him from Manchester every weekend, Athlone Town have parted company with former City midfielder Jimmy Conway.

APOLOGY

I apologise for the failure to print columns from Ray Clemence, Andy Gray and Gordon McQueen, Spotlight on Aston Villa, and Go For The Double in this issue. It is due to circumstances beyond my control.

Dave Gregory, Editor.

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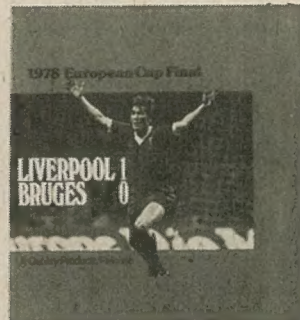
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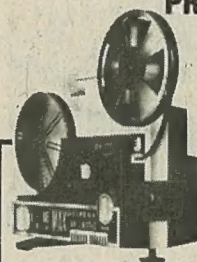
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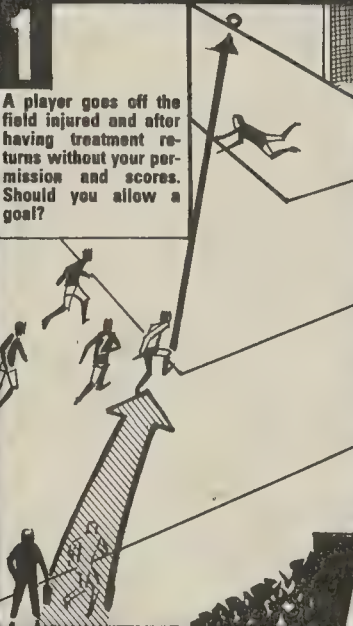
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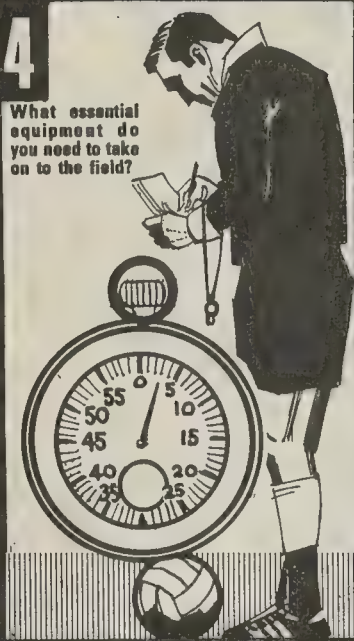
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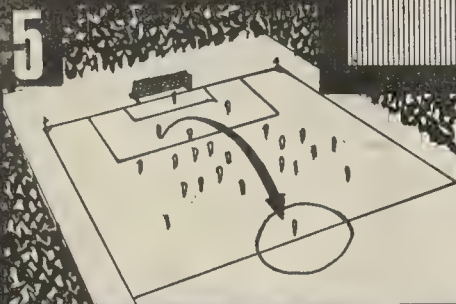
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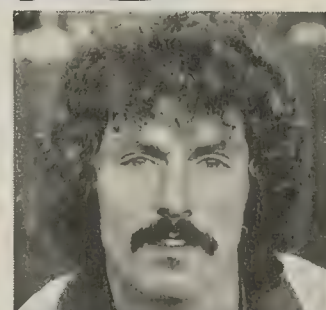
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1. No. The player must first have your permission to return on to the field.
2. No. Permission must first be granted by you when the ball is out of play.
3. Yes. The referee can insist photographers keep a sufficient distance away to safeguard the players. In my recent European match between Borussia and Benfica in Germany there were about twenty photographers, and all were behind the required distance line.
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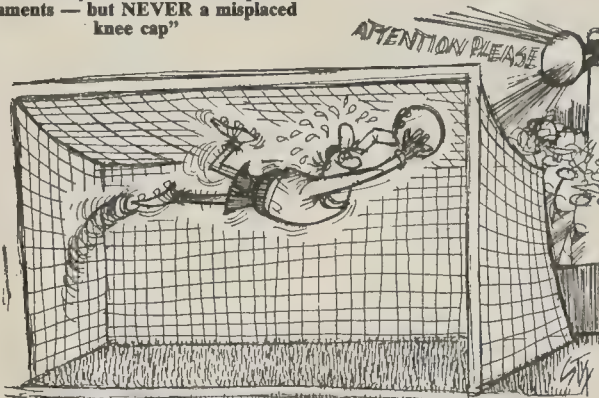
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BRAZIL-BEST

'Out of this world'

DENIS LAW (ex-Huddersfield, Man. United, Man. City and Scotland)

THE best team I played against at any level was undoubtedly Brazil in 1972, when Scotland met them in Rio. We lost 1-0 when Brazil scored late in the game, but I reckon we did well to keep the score down to that margin, because they were brilliant in everything they did.

And on that occasion, Brazil beat us without the services of Pele — even lacking his magic they gave the greatest exhibition I've seen. Gerson and Rivelino seemed to be all over the field, with Gerson not seeming to make any effort but getting through a tremendous amount of work. Also, the pinpoint accuracy of the passing by Rivelino and Gerson was out of this world.

But it was the performance of the South Americans as a whole that was so impressive. For example, just taking one aspect of their game, that of free-kicks, was an education to anyone interested in the finer points of football. In Britain, the awarding of a free-kick does not cause any palpitations among the defenders of the offending side — yet against Brazil, I always felt anxious when they took one.

It was their technique of bending the ball around any sort of defensive wall that caused us problems, and it proved to me in Britain we still have a tremendous amount to

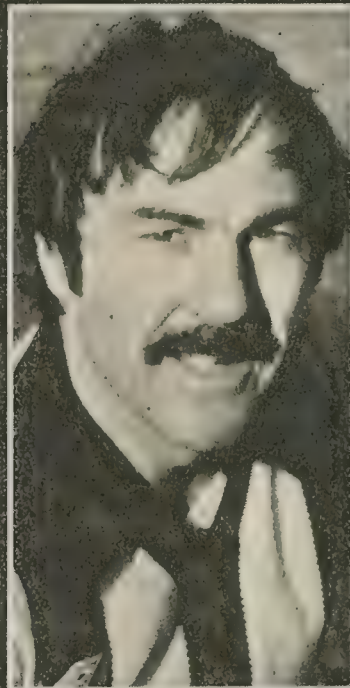


learn from them in this respect.

Yet in Rio that day it was the general level of the skill shown by Brazil that made them a team of world-beaters — I remember thinking it was the countless hours spent on ball control by every one of their side that was finally paying dividends.

This manipulation of the ball by the Brazilians was their greatest asset, as they proved by the way they played against us. And their skill wasn't confined to moving the ball around, or demonstrating their efficiency with free-kicks — they also had terrific shooting power which more than matched anything in the British game.

All in all, Brazil in 1972 were superb.



'Ripped apart by Pele'

JIMMY GREAVES (ex-Chelsea, Spurs, West Ham and England)

they were bored with the whole proceedings, giving us no hint about what was to come. And when Brazil did put the pressure on, there was no answer to the type of football they played.

Pele helped to rip our defence apart, time and time again, and there was a shattering 20-minute spell when the England side merely acted as spectators. The ball always seemed to be in our net — every player for Brazil was a soccer superman, and the accepted forms of marking a man out of the game didn't apply.

We couldn't, for example, put two men on Pele. If we had done so, it meant somebody else would be left free, and everybody in their side was so good we couldn't afford to give them any scope. And regardless of what England tried, there was no way Brazil could be stopped.

And without disrespect to Pele, even if he had not been in their side, Brazil would still have been world-beaters — I know this, because I played against them more than once in that era, when they were without Pele, and they convinced me they were a team without an equal.

But the time when they rammed in five goals against England was the one I recall as being a perfect illustration of what football is all about, at the very highest level.

THE finest team I played against was Brazil, when England met them in Rio in 1964, and I realised we were opposing a side without a weakness.

It is almost impossible to describe just how talented these Brazilians really were. England lost 5-1 on that occasion, and the funny thing was in the first-half we were containing them and seemed to be in the game with a chance. Then it happened — the Brazilians apparently decided the time had come for them to stop going through the motions, and really started to play after the interval.

Up to that time, they had been stroking the ball around as though



LEFT . . . Brazil (light shirts) raid the Scotland goal during their fine 1-0 victory in 1972.

RIGHT . . . Pele (on the ball) was in tremendous form as Brazil beat England 5-1 in Rio de Janeiro in June, 1964.

FAR RIGHT . . . Brazil goalkeeper Felix jumps well to punch clear against England in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico. Brazil won 1-0 and went on to win the trophy.



ALL THE WAY

'In complete command'

PETER THOMPSON
(ex-Liverpool, Bolton
and England)

It didn't take long for me to decide which was the greatest side I had appeared against at club or international level — the answer is Brazil, in 1964.

The match was in Rio, I was playing for England, and we lost 5-1 but in a way, the scoreline is weird, because the two teams were so closely matched for much of the time until a hurricane-like 20-minute spell by the Brazilians in the second-half. Prior to that, England had played well enough to earn the plaudits of the crowd, and I remember I was enjoying myself on the wing.

Then the Brazilians, with their ability to suddenly switch from an amble to a gallop, began to find loopholes in our defence, and from that point on took complete command of the game. Even now, looking back after a period of more than 14 years, the brilliance of their passing and finishing remains clear in my mind.

With Pelé and Vavá prompting and directing many of their attacks, the Brazilians threw everything at us and I doubt whether any defence could have held them. Nothing went right for England in the finishing stages of the match, and quite honestly I can't see any Brazil side of the future having the collection of talented players available to them



they had in that period of the early Sixties.

Garrincha, Pelé, Didi, Vavá, Mauro, Djalma Santos and Nilton Santos were some of the names that made history during that era for Brazil — but I don't think any team they turned out could better their 5-1 win over England at Rio in 1964.

And after that game, I did have some consolation — I received an ovation from the sporting Brazilian fans and was later voted the man of the match. To me, knowing the talent of the men who opposed me, that was a wonderful compliment.



'An occasion I'll never forget'

BRIAN LABONE (ex-Everton and England)

THE best team I came up against was Brazil in 1970, when I was in the England side that met them in the World Cup Finals First Round in Mexico.

What a game — and what an outfit they were! Brazil beat us 1-0 with a goal scored ten minutes from the end by Jairzinho, and apart from the brilliance of the Brazilians, the match itself was the greatest I've taken part in for its thrills and also the ability of the England team.

We gave as good as we got until the Brazilians went ahead, and even after that, we missed a couple of golden goalscoring chances — I felt England were well worth a draw at least, and that's not taking any credit away from the talented opposition.

Brazil were fantastic, and no wonder, with fellows like Pelé, Tostão, Gerson, Jairzinho and Rivelino in their line-up. And their pattern of play was something new to us then, but one which has been adopted since in England — they believed in the slow build-up, in patience, and the ability to react quickly and decisively whenever there was the slightest hint of a loop-hole in our defence.

Fortunately, we had quite a strong defence. There was Tommy Wright, Bobby Moore, myself and Ray Wilson in the back-four, plus Alan Ball probing in midfield and Bobby Charlton and Geoff Hurst up-front.

With so much talent on display, it is difficult to pick out an individual star, as the general level of play was so high — but I do remember Gerson was tremendously impressive in the way in which he started attacks for Brazil and spread the ball around with accuracy.

Certainly, it was a fantastic occasion I'll never forget, with some wonderful, brilliant football from Brazil and a display from the England team which made me proud to be part of it.



FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v. BRIGHTON

JOHN MCGOVERN
(Nottm. Forest)



BRIAN HORTON
(Brighton)



I'M absolutely delighted with our Cup draw against Brighton. A home tie at this stage of the competition, must give Forest a tremendous advantage.

Following our 3-2 victory over Everton at Goodison, after being a goal down, we deserved a home draw for our efforts.

I missed the game because of injury, but I was cheering the lads on from the stands.

Do I know anything about Brighton? Not much, except they are having a good season in the Second Division.

Forest boss Brian Clough and Peter Taylor should know a bit about the South Coast club because they were both at the Goldstone for a while.

To be frank I haven't even seen them on television. But by all accounts, former Hartlepool player, Malcolm Poskett is getting his fair share of goals this season.

Forest take each match as it comes. We've got to, because we are involved in so many competitions we can't plan too far ahead.

For us this is just another game, but for Brighton it is their Cup Final.

It's going to be a tough match although I'm 75 per cent confident we can win. A score? Let's say I'll be happy if Forest were to win 1-0.

AWAY to Nottingham Forest... what a great draw and the match should be equally exciting. Obviously we would have preferred a home tie, but I'm still confident we can upset the Champions.

We beat Peterborough 1-0 in the last round. Posh turned out to be tough opposition, which we expected.

When we travel to the City Ground we'll be the underdogs this time and what a nice change that will be.

We're one of the top sides in our Division and we seem to be the favourites in nearly every game we play. So the pressure will be off us a little.

Forest are the most consistent side in the country at the moment and seem to break records every week, but we know, all records have to end sometime.

You can't keep a side like Forest out of the news with the record they have. But I reckon we know enough about the Midlanders.

They have so many first-class players, some I've played against in the past, but, we have very capable men who are always likely to turn it on.

We are going to treat this game like a normal League outing. I just hope we can display some of our League form.

LEEDS UNITED v. LUTON

BRIAN FLYNN
(Leeds Utd.)



LIL FUCCILLO
(Luton)



ALTHOUGH we have the home advantage I'm sure Luton are going to give us a very hard game. By beating Aston Villa 2-0 at Villa Park in the previous round, Luton have proved they are capable of upsetting the odds.

So we must treat them with tremendous respect.

Our 2-0 victory over Queens Park Rangers in the last round turned out to be a very competitive match.

The two goals came at a very important time. The winner was scored in the dying minutes which put the game beyond their reach.

Most of my team-mates are very much in the dark about Luton, but I played against them when I was with Burnley.

I've got great respect for Alan West who was a team-mate at Turf Moor.

A midfielder of great vision who is clever on the ball. I'll try to use my experience to stop him from causing us any trouble.

Leeds will approach the game similar to the previous rounds. Obviously we're going out there to do our best but to be honest, it all depends on the night. It's a one-off thing. You can't afford to make mistakes.

I'm confident we can top Hatters although I'm not predicting a scoreline.

I AM very disappointed being drawn away to Leeds and another First Division team in this competition.

But even so, all the lads are thrilled to be given the chance to again show a top Division side we can play. But I really feel sorry for our supporters.

The way we played Villa in the previous round we deserved a home draw.

Our 2-0 win was full reward for our style.

Although I wanted a home draw we're not frightened of going to Elland Road, even though they have some extremely talented players.

One player who we've got to keep a watchful eye for is midfielder, Tony Currie. The difficult task of marking him will go to either Ricky Hill, if fit, or the more experienced Alan West. I don't envy their task.

Our manager, David Pleat, went to watch Leeds against Chelsea recently and will no doubt have noticed their strengths and weaknesses.

The atmosphere at Elland Road will not worry us. If anything, it will raise our game. If Luton can get in some good League results before the tie, as a boost, I'll be even more confident of us doing well.



LEFT... Graham Winstanley (centre, stripes) clears a Peterborough attack for Brighton during their 1-0 win. RIGHT... Leeds' Ray Hankin shoots for goal in their tie v. Q.F.R. The Elland Road side won 2-0.



QUARTER-FINALS

SOUTHAMPTON v. MANCHESTER CITY

TERRY GENNOE
(Soton)



MIKE CHANNON
(Man. City)



ANY draw at home is an added bonus. Although we were a little disappointed we have got Manchester City, when there are Second and Third Division clubs still left.

Having said that, though, we have got to beat the best sides some time in the tournament, so we might as well start against the Main Road outfit.

Although Southampton haven't exactly set the First Division alight this season, our fantastic supporters have been behind us all the way. The fans have continually encouraged us and we would like to repay that loyalty with a good performance in the League Cup.

When it comes to Cup games, they expect us to win every match, and although it puts extra pressure on the players the supporters also lift us to greater things.

Our opponents, Manchester City, have a tradition in Cup competitions as well and will prove a very tough hurdle to overcome.

They have some talented and household names like former Saint Mike Channon, Brian Kidd, Dave Watson and Joe Corrigan to name but four, so Saints will have to play exceptionally well to progress to the Semi-Finals.

I AM really looking forward to visiting my former club, Southampton, for the first time since my transfer to Manchester City — as long as it is a happy return!

I know from past experiences it is not going to be easy. Saints have a reputation as a Cup side.

Whether the manager, Tony Book, asks me for any information on their players, I'm not quite sure, he will have them watched anyway. But any run-down I can relay that will help I'll be glad to do so.

I saw Southampton beat Reading in a replay in the previous round and they struck me as a workmanlike outfit — more so than when I played for them. They have Alan Ball who is still playing very well, Phil Boyer and Chris Nicholl. And alongside some useful youngsters I am sure they will prove a handful to contain.

We will have some idea as to their tactics and plans when we clash with them in the League on Saturday (December 9th) at Maine Road. At the time of writing I do not know the result. Whatever it is will have no bearing on our visit to The Dell.

STOKE CITY v. WATFORD

GARTH CROOKS
(Stoke)



IAN BOLTON
(Watford)



AT this stage of the competition, we appreciated the fact we had avoided a First Division club and were also drawn at home.

That is not to say we will underestimate our opponents from the Third Division. I believe they are a very capable side but it is the point that on paper we should be favourites and therefore go through to the next round.

Manager Alan Durban will, I'm sure, have Graham Taylor's lads watched and he will brief us fully before the clash.

The fans at the Victoria Ground are in for a treat.

Watford's strong point is the fact they operate as a team. They haven't any individuals as such but function as a combine unit.

I've seen the Vicarage Road club on the television and they have impressed enormously.

Although I've only been in the professional game for a short while, I have learned not to make any predictions. You so often come unstuck and look foolish. I just hope our League Cup-tie is a very entertaining game with plenty of goalmouth action.

EVERYBODY at Vicarage Road was a little disappointed at being drawn away from home again. But, having said that, we are still confident of getting the right result at Stoke.

I have a lot of respect for their manager Alan Durban. He has transformed the club as their position in the Second Division shows.

But we are doing likewise in the Third and it all points to a real cracking game.

We will approach this match in the same frame of mind as we did for our trips to Manchester United and Exeter — determined to show we are capable of producing the goods and being a good advert for the Third.

I must confess I know very little about Stoke. I remember playing against Brendan O'Callaghan last season, when he was with Doncaster Rovers. He's a talented lad and we will have to keep a close eye on him.

It's going to be a tough game but I am very confident The Hornets will sting at the Victoria Ground and go through to the Semi-Finals — possibly after a replay.



LEFT . . . Phil Boyer (stripes) of Southampton and Reading's Martin Hicks. The First Division club won 2-0 in a replay.
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FOOT OF PAGE . . . Palace keeper, and former Villa team mate John Burridge, saves this Gray header. The picture was taken with a remote control camera placed against the side of the netting.



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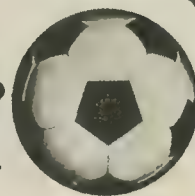
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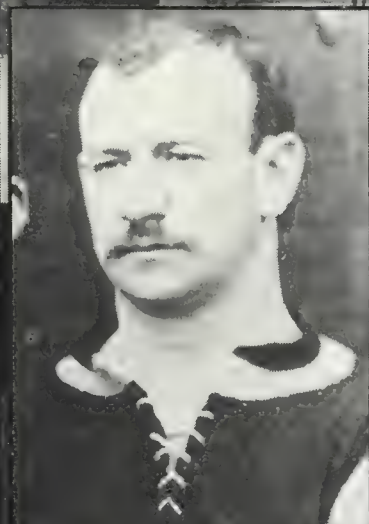
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 RIGHT . . . Manager Ron Saunders acknowledges the
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 BELOW . . . Villa have just beaten Manchester United
 in the 1957 F.A. Cup Final. Captain Dixon is carried
 shoulder-high by his team-mates.



HEROES OF ASTON VILLA



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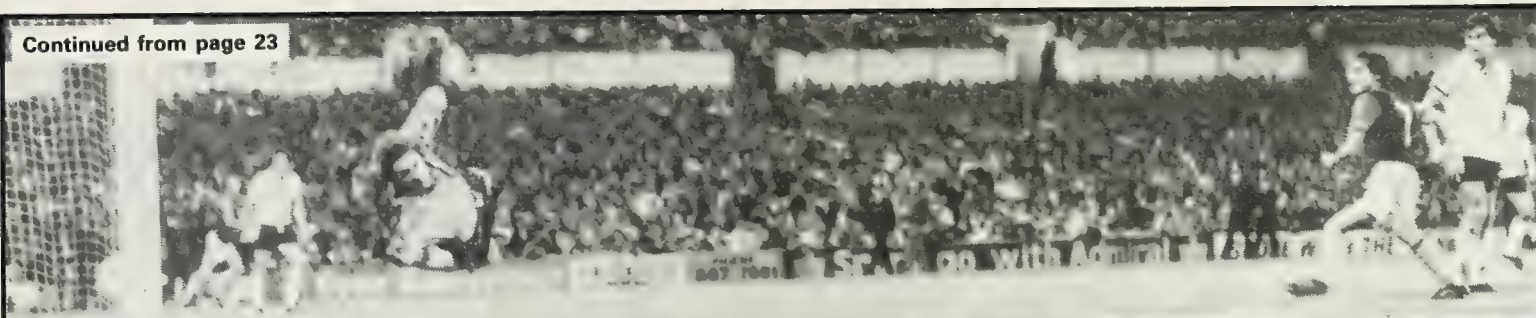
ASTON VILLA

BACK ROW (left to right): Alex Copley, Allan Evans, John Findlay, Jimmy Rimmer, Ken McNaught, John Deehan.

CENTRE ROW: Roy McLaren (coach), Gordon Cowans, Brian Little, Andy Gray, John Gregory, Dennis Mortimer.

FRONT ROW: Frank Carrodus, Gordon Smith, John Gidman, Ron Saunders (manager), Gary Shelton, Leighton Phillips (now with Swansea City), Tommy Craig.

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TOP OF PAGE . . . Playing only his second League game, young Gary Shelton scores against Spurs this season at White Hart Lane.

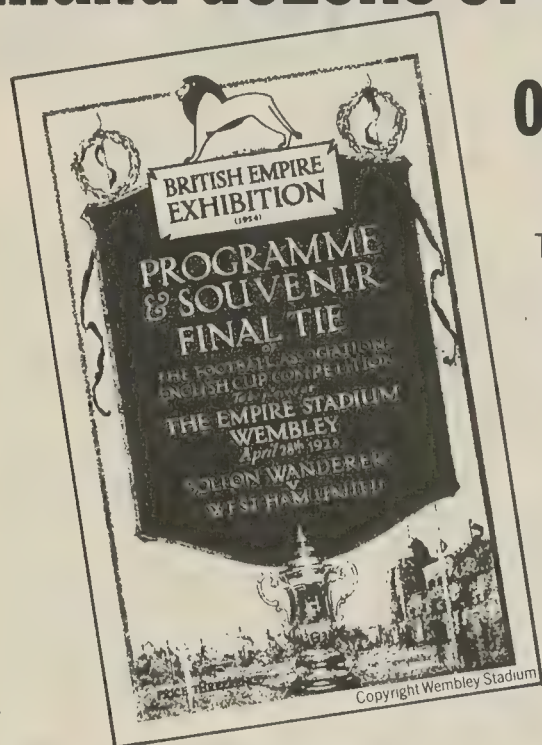
ABOVE . . . Two Villa defenders, John **Gidman (left)** and Allan Evans.

LEFT . . . Full-back Gary Williams outjumps Don Givens in the Blues/Villa derby in October. Villa won 1-0.

BELOW . . . Brian Little scores the goal against Everton that won Villa the 1977 League Cup.



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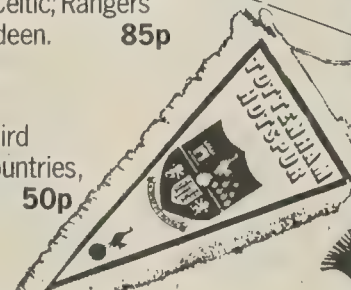
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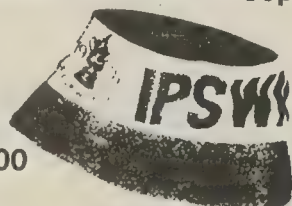
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WORLD CHAMPS FLOP AT CLUB LEVEL



Recognise him? It's Helmut Haller, who scored West Germany's first goal against England in the 1966 World Cup Final. Haller is 39 now and has just made a comeback to try to help his old club, Augsburg, out of trouble. They're bottom of the German Second Division (South).

BERND HÖLZENBEIN of Eintracht Frankfurt has played his 350th Bundesliga game; Bayern's Paul Breitner has completed 150 matches. Kevin Keegan scored his first League goal of the season in HSV's 5-0 win over Borussia Dortmund. VfB Stuttgart are unbeaten in their last 20 home games, winning 38 out of 40 points.

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While French football has seen a heartening resurgence on the international front in the last year or so, the economics of their domestic scene look to be delicately poised.

In the First Division, only two of the 20 clubs can count, on average, on more than 20,000 (Paris St. Germain and Olympique Marseillais) and the average average is around 13,000.

At the bottom end of the scale, the incredible last season's League Champions, AS Monaco have an average gate of 4,180 and 1977/78 L.F.F.A. Cup Finalists, SC Bastia average 3,660.

It makes you wonder how the French club can afford to run an expensive squad that includes Dutch World Cup stars Rep and Rijseberg.

Mind you, watching football is a cheap pastime in France, and the million fans who passed through the First Division turnstiles last season paid an average of £2.55 for the privilege and tickets for France's international matches averaged out at £12 a time.

THERE was a sensational finish to Argentina's Metropolitan Championship when modest Quilmes pipped South American Champions Boca Juniors to the title, as reported last week. Quilmes, who were promoted to the top Division in 1975, needed to win their last game to be sure of preserving their one-point lead and they scraped home 3-2 in a nerve-wracking match against Rosario Central (picture shows after-match celebrations).

The 300,000 inhabitants of Quilmes, a satellite town in the province of Buenos Aires, promptly took to the streets in a weekend of non-stop celebrations, reminiscent of the World Cup.

This year's Metropolitan has been a poor one with few exciting matches, even though it was a photo-finish. The "big two", River Plate and Boca Juniors, virtually conceded the League when they either embarked on money-making tours or fielded their reserve teams, resting the first-

team for Cup games.

As a result, attendances have been ridiculously low and after the World Cup, Argentinian fans have found it hard to raise enthusiasm for League soccer.

It is significant neither Quilmes nor Boca had any players in Cesar Luis Menotti's World Cup squad and their players have remained fresh.

On the other hand, River's stars have shown signs of wear and tear, with the exception of goalkeeper Pato Fillo, who's been superb.

Argentina captain Daniel Passarella is struggling, a pale shadow of the driving force he was in June. He isn't captain of his club, Fillo is for League games, with Alonso taking over for Cup matches. Passarella thrives on responsibility, but with River he is just a defender.

River supplied five of Menotti's World Cup men — Passarella, Fillo, Alonso, Luque and Ortiz. It is strange for a country to do without

PLAY IT AGAIN SHAM

THE DUTCH F.A. have accepted a F.I.F.A. invitation to "replay" the 1978 World Cup Final, Argentina v Holland in Zurich on May 22, but the game is just two days before their Cup Final, on May 24 and with many of the Dutch players abroad and the Argentinians, having exported many of their stars, it could be a game between two B teams!

IN SHOOT NEXT WEEK...

Colour: Action from the recent England v. Czechoslovakia friendly, Dundee United team group, Focus on Frank Stapleton (Arsenal) and Emlyn Hughes, Allan Hunter, John Mahoney and Paul Mariner featured in our International Who's Who Booklet. **Features:** West Germany's Rainer Bonhof compares the skills of Kevin Keegan and Kenny Dalglish. **The Ron Greenwood Story.** Big Match Crosstalks... Bristol City v. Liverpool, Crystal Palace v. Leicester. **Plus:** Viv Anderson (Forest), Viv Busby (Stoke), Jeremy Charles (Swansea), Martin Dobson (Everton), Sandy Jardine (Rangers), Willie Miller (Aberdeen).

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any players from its top teams, especially as Boca are Champions of South America.

This prompts the question: Just how good were Argentina? Were they an attacking, but basically modest team, excellently coached with a giant of a player in Mario Kempes who proved to be the star of the competition?

Boca used to be dull and defensive, but their style has changed this year — could Argentina have been even better with Boca players? We'll never know, of course, but despite the World Cup win, domestic soccer in Argentina is in a bad way.

Incidentally, Quilmes' final game kicked-off five minutes before

Boca's. When the news they'd won and so become Champions came through to Boca's ground, fans there applauded politely. If nothing else, sportsmanship still seems to be alive and well in Argentina.

● Quilmes' first-ever title win was a personal triumph for their manager José Yudica, but he was only "on loan" from Newell's Old Boys. So as soon as he'd finished celebrating with Quilmes, he had to pack his bags and head back to Rosario! Quilmes have hurriedly enticed Miguel Angel Basílico back from Colombia to take over the team in time for the National Championship by offering him a monthly salary of £1,100.

Can Spain end their goal drought?

WILL Spain finally break their goal-famine in their home game against Cyprus on December 13th? That's the question Spanish fans are asking as the players limber up for the European Championship match to be played in Salamanca.

National team manager Ladislao Kubala rates the game as "very important, because we're in a difficult group (with Rumania, Yugoslavia and Cyprus) and goal-difference could be the decisive factor. We'll certainly be looking for goals from start to finish."

If the Spaniards *do* start hitting the net, it'll be a pleasant change for their goal-starved fans. In the last five years, Spain have managed to score just 33 goals in 28 matches — one of the poorest scoring records among European soccer powers and even worse than the traditionally goal-shy Italians.

In those five years the Spaniards have only once reached the heady figure of three goals, and that was in a friendly last March against a team of Norwegian part-timers who were just struggling back into training after their winter "hibernation"!

Discounting friendlies, the Spaniards



have scored 21 goals in 18 official games and have only found the net nine times in their last seven home games.

In these circumstances, it's hardly surprising that, among the current team captain Asensi (above) is the top scorer with the handsome total of six goals in 29 appearances!

Spain's biggest win since the War was a 7-0 home win against Cyprus back in 1971, so the fans are hoping for a repeat performance. Let's face it, it's about time they had a few goals to cheer about!

IN a bid to provide year-round football in their severe winter, the Russians have constructed an experimental pitch at the Lushniki Sportpark in Moscow. Under-soil electric heating is planned to keep the pitch playable and provide an air temperature varying between eight and 16 degrees Centigrade. If it is successful the Russians will use the same principles on stadiums in Moscow, Lvov, Kemerovo, Leningrad, Minsk and Riga.

TRAGEDY

KEVIN Keegan's Hamburger SV teammate Manny Kaltz was told after a recent training session his four-year-old daughter had been killed in an accident outside their house.

The Kaltz's have sold that house as they no longer wish to return to the ill fated spot.

NEWS FLASHES

The president of Schalke 04 was so delighted when his team held Bundesliga leaders 1.FC Kaiserslautern to a draw he gave his players £400 draw bonus instead of the usual £100. Obviously no five per cent limit in West Germany!

I hear the Czech F.A. are to start an investigation to find why, after 72 League matches, only six had been won by the visiting team.

Apparently it's a record... West Germany had six teams through after two

rounds of the three European Cups: 1.FC Cologne, Fortuna Dusseldorf, Borussia Mönchengladbach, VfB Stuttgart, Hertha Berlin and MSV Duisburg.

Russia are sending a team to China to play three friendlies.

Björn Nordqvist, the 115-times capped Sweden sweeper, has signed for the Minnesota Kicks in The States.

Former Italian international Sandro Mazzola has his own chat show on T.V. "A Casa Di Sandro" — At Home With Sandro.

Ulrik Le Fevre has an impressive record of Championships... he's won titles with three different clubs in three different countries: Vejle BK in his native Denmark, FC Bruges in Belgium and Borussia Mönchengladbach of West Germany.

Rio club Fluminense are claiming to have a new star in the making in 17-years-old right-winger Manoel Castillo, known as Mané. He is the son of Garrincha, twice a World Cup winner, and Mané is reckoned to have much the same speed and skill as his father had.

A world record is being claimed by a football team at Vesec in Czechoslovakia, in which all the players are brothers of the Nefusil family. The oldest is 46-years-old Vaclav and the youngest, Ivo, is 26.

Bayern Munich are looking for a reserve goalkeeper to understudy Sepp Maier for their number two, Walter Junghans, has broken an arm.

Montero Castillo, the Uruguayan star who had several years in Spain, is now back in Montevideo playing for Nacional. He recently spent the night in gaol, arrested for "making obscene gestures to the public."

DIRCEU BOOED

DIRCEU, Brazil's best player of the 1978 World Cup and who almost joined Birmingham City, is having a hard time with América of Mexico. They say he's not fit, loses the ball too often and the fans are booing him. *El Excelsior*, the country's main newspaper, ran a headline: "All That Money For This?" Despite "all that", América are second in the table, one point behind Guadalajara.

ONE WAY or another, 1978 has been a good year for Argentina. In June, they won the World Cup; in November, Miss Argentina was chosen as Miss World and now their roller-skate hockey team has clinched the World Championship by beating Spain 3-1.

WORLD CUP CAŁH

F.I.F.A. have announced revenue from the 1978 World Cup Finals exceeded £15 million. F.I.F.A. pockets ten per cent of this total, and a further 25 per cent goes to the host nation, Argentina. The remaining 65 per cent is divided among the 16 Finalists in proportion to the crowds they attracted.

Argentina, of course, fared best in the share-out, and netted an additional million pounds. It's estimated the Scottish F.A. will receive just over £200,000 for the three matches Scotland played.

GOLDEN RONNIE

RONNIE Hellström of 1.FC Kaiserslautern has been awarded the Gol-



den Ball trophy by a Swedish newspaper. It's the most prestigious individual award in Swedish soccer and means Hellström is elected "Player of the Year".

Over 70 times-capped Hellström, among the very best goalkeepers in the World Cup Finals both in West Germany 1974 and in Argentina last summer, has won the trophy once before, in 1971 when still an amateur with Hammarby of Stockholm.

Ronnie is 29 and his contract with Kaiserslautern runs to 1982... "Then I would very much like to finish my career with a couple of seasons in the North American League," he says.

The Golden Ball will be presented to Hellström when Sweden meet England next June in a friendly to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Swedish F.A.

● Picture shows Ronnie with his wife Harriet and daughters Christel and Veronika.

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IPSWICH Town's F.A. Cup Final hero Roger Osborne has been plagued by injuries ever since his historic win against Arsenal at Wembley in May.

We wonder if it's caused him to reflect at all on what's happened to other Wembley winners of the past.

It doesn't make particularly happy reading.

Just look at what has happened over the past dozen years.

In 1966 Everton's match-winner against Sheffield Wednesday was little-known Cornishman Mike Trebilcock.

The Yorkshiremen stormed into a two goal lead through Jim McCalliog and David Ford.

But inspired by Trebilcock, Everton came fighting back. His two goals were followed by a match-winner from Derek Temple.

Yet the dapper, dark-haired Trebilcock was rarely heard of again and faded out of the game altogether after a spell with Plymouth.

The following year brought one of those rare parochial occasions when London town throbbed to the chants of rival Tottenham and Chelsea fans.

And fittingly at the end of the day it was a Londoner who settled the argument, Frank Saul, one of the down-the-bill stars in Tottenham's glittering array of stars, shooting past Peter Bonetti to take the Cup back to White Hart Lane.

Saul, who had kept out the much better-known Cliff Jones, never became one of the Spurs' established stars although he did continue in non-League football for several years.

In the 1967-68 season, one goal sorted out the scrap between West Bromwich Albion and Everton.

It was scored by Albion's England international striker Jeff Astle.

Although his partner Tony Brown is still going strong at The Hawthorns, though, Jeff has now retired from the game.

He drifted into non-League soccer with Weymouth, partly because a nagging knee injury was proving too troublesome for regular First Division football.

Manchester City and Leicester City were at the twin towers twelve months later, and again a single goal was enough.

WEMBLEY WINNERS CAN BE 'LOSERS'



It was scored by Manchester's Neil Young, and like Astle he is now lost to League football — made little impact after that heady movement of 1969.

There's no doubting the following year's match-winner is still very much alive.

David Webb of Chelsea was the man who denied Leeds United, and he has since gone on to give sterling service to Queens Park Rangers and Leicester.

Ironically, the man who could well have won the tie for Leeds has now been out of the game because of injury for nearly five years.

Mick Jones twice put Leeds ahead in the Final only for Webb to snatch victory in the replay at Old Trafford.

ABOVE . . . Ipswich Town's Roger Osborne receives treatment from Cyril Lea after scoring the winning goal against Arsenal in last season's F.A. Cup Final. But Roger has been plagued by injuries since that memorable Final.

RIGHT . . . In 1976 Southampton, then in the Second Division, beat Manchester United to win the F.A. Cup. The only and winning goal was scored by Bobby Stokes (holding trophy).

He joined Portsmouth within a year of that win but his contract was cancelled last March.

LEFT . . . Everton's Mike Trebilcock is crowned with the F.A. Cup in 1966. After a spell with Plymouth Mike has faded out of the game.



of the game for a long spell and threatened his career altogether.

Ian fought back bravely, had a spell with Reading, but is still trying to recover his old zip with Sheffield Wednesday.

In 1974 it was Liverpool's turn to grace Wembley and no one in their right minds would suggest other than that the goalscorers against Newcastle Kevin Keegan (two) and Stevie Heighway have enjoyed unqualified success since.

But the story has been far from happy for the following year's hero.

Alan Taylor rounded off a fantastic personal triumph by scoring the two goals by which West Ham beat Fulham, just as he had done in the previous two rounds when he got two apiece against both Arsenal and Ipswich.

The stage was apparently set for the launching of a new star, yet Taylor has been cruelly affected by injuries since that golden day, so much that even now, three-and-a-half years later he has played less than 100 League games for The Hammers and has barely added to those goals.

Yet another Second Division side — the third in four years — was at Wembley the next year — but what has happened to Southampton's star of the show, Bobby Stokes?

He left The Dell within a year. Moved down the coastline to Portsmouth and had his contract with them cancelled last March.

A fleeting moment of glory indeed.

The following two seasons brought winning goals by Charlie George (for Arsenal against Liverpool) and Allan Clarke (for Leeds against Arsenal) and despite varying problems both are still around.

In 1973, Sunderland upset all the odds by beating Leeds United, but the man who clinched it, Scot Ian Porterfield has been dogged by ill-luck ever since.

A serious car crash put him out

Since then Manchester United — and remember Stuart Pearson hasn't played this season after his summer operation — and Ipswich have won the Cup.

Without wishing Roger Osborne anything but the quickest of recoveries, it really does make you wonder if there's some sort of penalty one has to pay for tasting glory in the year's greatest soccer occasion.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

FOURTH DIVISION

(Continued)

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Butler) 3,747
TORQUAY (0) 0
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick, Johnson, Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).
 Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Darke, Davies, Green, Dunne, Wilson, Lawrence, Coffill, Murphy, Parsons (Vassallo).

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Bradley, Owen) 2,981
BRADFORD C. (0) 0
 Doncaster: Peacock; Lally, Hemsley, Cork, Bradley, Olney, Lewis, Snodin (Owen), Jones, Bentley, Laidlaw.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Watson, Bates, Baines, Wood, Johnson, Dolan, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Jones, Gould) 3,616
HALIFAX (2) 2 (Mountford, Dunleavy)
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Emery, Stephens (Holmes), Bailey, Jones, Gould, Spiring.
 Halifax: Leonard; Hutt, Loska, Smith (Firth), Burke, Dunleavy, Mountford, Johnson, Campbell, Prendergast, Sidebottom.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Sutton) 3,696
YORK (0) 0
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Lillis, Sutton, Topping, Gray (Fletcher), Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.
 York: Brown; Kay, Welsh (Warnock), Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Froggatt, Farrington, Reilly) 3,065
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Bruton)
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant (Ashenden), Farrington, Williams, Froggatt, Reilly, Wassell.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Bruton, Davies, Warriner, Byrne (Bailey), Lowndes, McGeady, Goddard, Jones Vaughan.

PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 (Denyer, Garwood, Hemmerman) 11,394
DARLINGTON (0) 0
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper (Davey), Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Barnard, Pullar.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland (Crosson), Walsh, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Chamberlain, Beech) 3,195
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Harris, Sproson, Hawkins, Tully, Bromage, Wright, Chamberlain (Beech), Healy.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Smith (G), Smith (T), Lawrence, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Newton, Houchen, Loadwick.

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Hoy 2, 1 pen.) 1,325
CREWE (1) 1 (Coyne)
 Rochdale: Felgate; Hallows, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Hoy, Price (Hilditch), Ashworth, Esser, Owen.
 Crewe: Rafferty; Bevan, Roberts, Wilshaw, Bowles, Wilkinson, Davies, Nelson, Coyne, Purdie, Robertson.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
READING (1) 3 (Peters, Earles, Czuczman o.g.) 2,424
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Keeley, Kavanagh (Cough), Wigg.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Kearns, Lewis.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Harper, pen.) 13,850
DUNDEE UTD. (0) 0
 Aberdeen: Clark; Rougvie, McLelland, Fleming (Smith), McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie (Scanton), Sullivan.
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Stark, Sturrock, Payne (Dodd), Kirkwood, Addison (Robinson).

CELTIC (1) 1 (McAdam)
MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Stevens, McLaren) 21,000

Celtic: Baines; Sneddon, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, MacLeod, McAdam, Burns, Conn.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Carr, Wark, McLaren, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Larnach, Clinging (Lindsay), Wilson.

HIBS (0) 1 (Rae)
HEARTS (0) 2 (McQuade, O'Connor) 20,120
 Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Hutchinson, Callaghan, Higgins.
 Hearts: Dunlop; Brown, Jefferies, McNicoll, Liddell, Fraser, Gibson, Bannan, O'Connor, Busby, McQuade.

PARTICK (0) 1 (Houston) 21,000
RANGERS (0) 0
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Anderson, Campbell, Marr, Houston, Melrose, O'Hara, Somner, Park.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane (Urquhart), Smith, Cooper (Watson).

ST. MIRREN 0
MORTON 0 10,000
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Mount, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Richardson, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie (Hyslop), McGarvey (Sharp).
 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

LEAGUE CUP Fourth Round

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Lawrenson)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0 21,421
 Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Sayer, Poskett, Maybank (Ward), Clark, O'Sullivan.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Robertson, Anderson, Robson.

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Shipperley 2)
STOKE (2) 3 (Irvine, Busby, Crooks pen.) 18,667
 Charlton: Wood; Shaw, Campbell (Peacock), Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Gritt.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Conroy, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Busby (Crooks), Richardson.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Burns o.g., Latchford)
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 3 (Lloyd, Anderson, Woodcock) 48,503
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Todd, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, O'Hare, Lloyd, Burns (Mills), Gemmill, Needham, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.



Nigel Vaughan scored one of Newport's goals in their 2-1 home win v. Wigan.

Q.P.R. (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 2 (Hawley, Hankin) 22,769
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Busby, Harkouk (Cunningham), Bowles, McGee.
 Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

Semi-Final second leg

BURNLEY (0) 0
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Syrett) Burnley won 8-7 on penalties 6,871
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, James.
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Saxby (G), (Coffey), Saxby (M), Bird, Miller, McClelland, Syrett, Goodwin, Martin.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8

LEAGUE CUP Fourth Round

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
LUTON (0) 2 (Hatton, Stein) 32,727
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Gray (Cowans), Deehan, Gregory.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Donaghy, West, Fuccillo, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

EXETER (0) 0
WATFORD (1) 2 (Pritchett pen., Jenkins) 14,746
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Randell (Holman), Giles, Hore, Roberts, Neville, Kellow, Bowker, Delve, Hatch.
 Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Blissett, Mercer (Joslyn), Jenkins, Downes, Mayes.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Peters)
MAN. CITY (0) 3 (Barnes, Channon 2) 19,413
 Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Symonds, Mendham, Peters.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Viljoen (Fletcher P), Channon, Owen, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.

READING 0
SOUTHAMPTON 0 24,046
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearns (Sanchez), Kearney, Hetzke, Lewis.
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hebbard, Holmes, Curran.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Quarter-Finals first leg

AYR (1) 3 (Crammond, McColl, McLelland)
ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Sullivan, Harper 2) 6,300
 Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Connor, McColl, McAllister, McSherry, McCall, McLaughlin, McLelland, Crammond, Christie.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster (Fleming), McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Sullivan.

MONTROSE (1) 1 (Hair)
CELTIC (1) 1 (Lynch pen) 3,872
 Montrose: Gorman; Lowe, Darcy (B), Ford, Darcy (D), Taylor, McIntosh (Georgeson), Robb, Livingstone, Hair, Miller.
 Celtic: Baines; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan (Doyle), Glavin (Casey), McAdam, Burns, McCluskey.

MORTON (1) 1 (Thomson)
HIBS (0) 0 8,000
 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Evans, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller (McLaren), Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.
 Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Fleming, Stewart, McNamara, Rae, McLeod, Hutchinson, Bremner, Higgins (Campbell).

RANGERS (0) 1 (Wells o.g.) 10,000
ARBRATH (0) 0
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Johnstone, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane (Armour), Smith, Watson.
 Arbroath: Lister; McKenzie, Ryland, Cargill, Wells, Fettes, Fletcher, Edwards (Folton), Wilson, Carson, Yule.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

SECOND DIVISION

FULHAM (0) 3 (Guthrie 2, Beck) 10,296
BRISTOL R (0) 0
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Bullivant (Margerrison), Evanson, Guthrie, Beck, Greenaway.
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Jones, Dennehy (White), Williams, Staniforth, Randall, Hendrie.

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Tong) 7,615
WALSALL (0) 1 (McDonough)
 Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Chapman, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Harrison, Sbragia, Serella, King, Birch, Caswell, Austin, McDonough, Kelly (Penn).

TRANMERE (1) 1 (O'Neill) 2,241
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Tranmere: West; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Cahill, Evans, O'Neill, Bramhall (Palios), Moore, Peplow, McAuley.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Slough (Robertson), McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Cunningham.

FOURTH DIVISION

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Goddard, Vaughan) 4,142
WIGAN (0) 1 (Houghton)
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Warriner, Davies, Bruton, Vaughan, Lowndes, Goddard, Woods, Brown.
 Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Moore, Purdie.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (3) 5 (Dillon, Buckley 2, Givens, Calderwood)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Jordan) 23,550
 Birmingham: Freeman; Tarantini, Dennis, Towers, Gallagher, Page, Dillon, Buckley, Givens, Calderwood, Fox.
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl (Albiston), Houston, McCreery, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, McIlroy.

BRISTOL C (1) 4 (Ritchie, Royle 2, Rodgers)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Walsh) 18,168
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Bain (Whitehead), Mabbutt.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne (Whitmore), Greaves, Walsh, Smith, Morgan, Reid, Gowing, Worthington, McNab.

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Owen pen.) 37,376
DERBY (2) 2 (Duncan, Daly pen.)
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Moreland, Carter, Powell, Duncan, Caskey, Hill.

EVERTON (1) 3 (King, Dobson 2)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (McKenzie, Langley) 38,694
 Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh (Robinson), Thomas.
 Chelsea: Phillips; Wilkins (G), Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, McKenzie, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Walker.

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Wallace, Thompson)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Burns) 18,603
 Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Blair, Osgood, Gillespie, Green, Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchison.

Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Cochrane, Mills, Ashcroft (Proctor), Burns, Armstrong.

IPSWICH (0) 0
W.B.A. (1) 1 (Brown, A.) 20,914
Ipswich: Cooper; Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Geddis, Woods (Brazil).
W.B.A.: Godden; Baston, Robson, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Trewick, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Cunningham.

LEEDS (0) 0
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Gatting) 33,961
Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Hawley, Currie, Graham.
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gatting, Rix.

Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Eastoe)
LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Heighway, Kennedy, R., Johnson) 26,626
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Shanks, Eastoe, Busby, McGee, Bowles, Harkouk.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, Johnson, Souness.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Holmes, Nicholl)
NORWICH (1) 2 (Neighbour, Powell) 21,183
Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Funnell, Holmes, Curran.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Davies, Ryan, Hoadley, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Symonds, Mendham, Peters.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Pratt)
TOTTM FOREST (0) 3 (Anderson, Robertson, Birtles) 50,541
Tottenham: Kendall; Naylor, McAllister, Holmes, Lacy, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles (Villa), Lee, Hoddle, Taylor.
Tottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Bowyer, Needham, Lloyd, O'Hare, Gemmill, Mills, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

WOLVES (0) 0
ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Shelton, McNaught, Deehan, Mortimer) 23,289
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr (Clarke), Bell, Eves, Moss.
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton, Little, Deehan, Cowans, Gregory.

SECOND DIVISION

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Ryan, Horton)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Shinton) 19,659
Brighton: Moseley; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Ryan, Poskett, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
Wrexham: Davies; Jones, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Lyons (Cegielski), Hill.

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Madden)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Entwistle, Rowell) 11,412
Charlton: Wood; Shaw (Peacock), Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry, Brisley, Robinson, Flanagan, Madden, Gritt.
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Rostron, Entwistle, Lee, Rowell.

C. PALACE (2) 3 (Walsh, Swindlehurst 2, 1 pen)
BLACKBURN (0) 0 17,006
Palace: Burridge; Fenwick, Sansom, Kembar, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Hilaire.
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Garner, Craig, Fowler, Birchenall.

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Weller, Christie)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Ingham) 12,842
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofs, Williams, May, Kelly, Weller, Ridley, Christie, Henderson, Hughes.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Fletcher, Kinson, James.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Pearson)
MILLWALL (0) 0 20,561
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Kelly, Walker, Bird, Blackley, Suggett, Pearson (McGhee), Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Moore, Mehmet, Kitchener, Tagg, Townner, Hamilton (B), Seaman, Walker, Mitchell.

NOTTS CO (0) 1 (O'Brien pen.)
WEST HAM (0) 0 11,002
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Stubbs, Mann, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks, Hunt, Vinter.
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Holland, Taylor (T), Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Robson.

OLDHAM (1) 2 (Halom, Taylor)
LUTON (0) 0 6,876
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Gardner, Chapman.
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Aizlewood, Hill (Stephens), Turner, Donaghy, Fucillo, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

ORIENT (0) 1 (Kitchen pen.)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Anderson) 5,540
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Coates, Hughton, Mayo, Kitchen, Moores.
Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Garner, Calvert, Matthews, Kenworthy, Anderson, Speight, Finnieston (Varadi), Sabella, Hanson.

PRESTON (2) 2 (Robinson 2)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Evans) 9,268
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Coleman, Haslegrave, Robinson, Thomas, Bruce.
Cardiff: Platt; Dwyer, Thomas, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Buchanan (Bishop), Giles, Stevens, Evans, Lewis.

STOKE (0) 1 (Irvine)
CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Biley pen., Leach, Garner) 19,027
Stoke: Jones; Dodd, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Conroy (Crooks), Irvine, O'Callaghan, Busby, Richardson.
Cambridge: Webster; Howard (Cozens), Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Garner, Spriggs, Christie, Finney, Biley.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD 0
EXETER 0 6,390
Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Graham (J), (Booker), Shrubbs, Carlton, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.
Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hors, Forbes, Mitchell, Roberts, Neville, Kellow, Bowker, Dolve, Hatch.

BURY (0) 0
SWANSEA (0) 1 (James) 5,186
Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.
Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Morris, Smith, Stevenson, Reeves, Callaghan, James (R), Waddle, Phillips, Boersma.

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Parker)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Chandler) 6,505

Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, Collins, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman (Clarke, D), Kemp, Ludlam, Hamilton.
Blackpool: Ward; Malone, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson, Spence, Weston, Wagstaffe.

CHESTER (2) 2 (Edwards, I. 2)
HULL (1) 1 (Edwards) 4,249
Chester: Millington; Nickass, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Delgado, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Phillips.
Hull: Weslands; Nisbet, Devries, Horswill, Dobson, Haigh, Warboys, Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

MANSFIELD (0) 0
SWINDON (1) 1 (Bates) 4,721
Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Saxby (G), Saxby (M), Bird, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, McClelland, Martin (Allen).
Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Gilchrist, Bates, Kamara.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Bodel)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Fern) 3,410
Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Watson, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Duncan, Foley, Seacole, Hodgson.
Chesterfield: Latheran; Flavell, Burton (Walker), Hunter, Cottam, Prophet, Tarrt, Kowalski, Fern, Salmons, Simpson.

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Silkman)
SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Fall) 6,890
Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Magson, Foster, Clarke, Silkman, Fear, Binney, Perrin (Graves), Johnson.
Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Stead, Laverick, Cusack, Moody, Fell, Pountney, Parker, Polycarpou, Morris.

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 3,777
Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Gwyther, Green, Flynn, Finney, Phillips, Winn (Dawson), Smith, Crawford.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Hodge, Wignall, Downman, Foley, Gough, Dyer (Wright), Lee, Allinson.

SHEFF. WED. 0
LINCOLN 0 12,590
Sheff. W: Turner; Blackhall, Rushbury, Pickering, Smith, Johnson, Wyld, Lowey, Leman, Porterfield, Hornsby.
Lincoln: Turner; Guest, Leigh, Fleming, Smith, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Tynan, Watson, Harding.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 13,941
Watford: Rankin; Stirr, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Blissett, Mayes, Jenkins, Joslyn, Downey.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong (Jolley), Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 3 (Hutchins, McNiven, Dolan)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 3,361
Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Baines, Wood, Martinez, Dolan, Cooke, McNiven, Hutchins.
Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Froggatt, Wassell (Saunders).

CREWE 0
PORTSMOUTH 0 2,294
Crewe: Rafferty; Bevan, Dulson, Rimmer, Bowles, Wilkinson, Davies, Purdie, Coyne (Nelson), Roberts, Robertson.
Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Davey, Hemmerman, Lathan, Garwood, Barnard, Pullar.



Mick Robinson hit two in Preston's victory against Cardiff.

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Lyons, Walsh)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Emery pen.) 1,622
Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Lyons, Maitland, Walsh, Ferguson, Seal (Crosson), Wann.
Hereford: Hughes; Roberts, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Bailey, Stephens (Crompton), Emery, Jones, Spiring, Gould.

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Mountford)
ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (Dungworth) 1,438
Halifax: Leonard; Hutt, Locke, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Prendergast, Mountford, Campbell, Sidebottom (Nixon), Johnson.
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.

HARTLEPOOL 0
BOURNEMOUTH 0 3,227
Hartlepool: Richardson; Smith (G), Gorry, Lawrence, Brookes, Ayres, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Newton, Houchen, Loadwick.
Bournemouth: Allen; Butler (G), Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick, McDougall, Butler (M), Johnson (Massey), Brown (K).

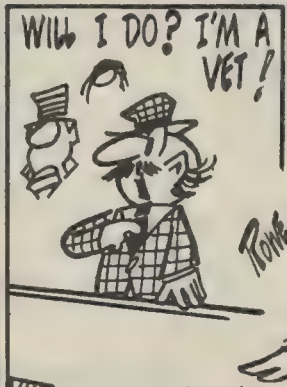
READING (1) 1 (Hetzke)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Robins) 6,870
Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearney, Sanchez, Lewis.
Huddersfield: Stirling; Brown, Sandercock, Lillis, Topping, Sutton, Fletcher (Holmes), Hart, Cowling, Robins, Bielby.

ROCHDALE (0) 0
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Keenan) 1,882
Rochdale: Felgate; O'Loughlin, Snookes, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Ashworth (Price), Hilditch, Esser.
Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley (Todd), Harris, Sproson, Hawkins, Tully, Farrell, Wright, Besch, Healy.

SCUNTHORPE 0
DONCASTER 0 3,250
Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, O'Donnell, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg, Couch, Keeley.
Doncaster: Peacock; Lally (Habbin), Hemaley, Cork, Bradley, Olney, Lewis, Laidlaw, Jones, Owen, Snodin.

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Happy days again for MERVYN!

ON the last Saturday in October, West Ham's young goalkeeper, Mervyn Day, stepped from the mists of reserve team football to take up his old stance between the first team posts when The Hammers lined-up against rival promotion-hopefuls, Brighton, at the Goldstone Ground.

Day, an instant headline-stealer when he became a regular in the League side, at 18, back in August, 1973, had made 219 appearances when he was dropped for the game with Leicester City, in December, last year.

His solitary recall, against Bristol City, in February, resulted from first-choice Bobby Ferguson being ko'd by flu. Now, the shoulder injury Ferguson suffered, and endured so bravely, in the match with Stoke, a few weeks back, has given Mervyn another opportunity.

Playing for the reserves, before a sprinkling of spectators in an atmosphere that belonged to a public library, didn't come easy to the towering youngster from Chelmsford, who, three years ago, was voted Young Player of the Year by his fellow professionals, and helped West Ham break Fulham hearts in the Final of the F.A. Cup. The following season he was in The Hammers' team that reached, and lost, the Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

Volunteered

Mervyn, softly-spoken, and blessed with a temperament of mill-pond serenity, has been a goalkeeper since the day, in a schools game, he volunteered to fill the vacancy caused by the non-appearance of the regular 'keeper.

"I was a bigger-than-average ten-year-old," recalled Mervyn, "and even though I'd always previously been an outfield player, I fancied playing in goal, and after that first game, I really loved it. It was a lot of fun for me, as a kid, all the diving and leaping about."

He became so good at "all the diving and leaping about," Ron Greenwood, manager of West Ham at the time, moved swiftly to ensure the goalkeeping talents of the 16-year-old giant, who left his Chelmsford grammar school with six 'O' levels reflecting an impressive mental agility, blossomed at Upton Park.

Under the perceptive eye and relentless tuition of coach Ernie Gregory (a former Hammers' hero, whose 383 League outings in the Londoners' goal included a three-season run when he didn't miss a game) Day's surge to the top was meteoric.

But, with the first-half of last season's League programme drawing to a close, and West Ham staring uneasily at the approaching relegation clouds, young Mervyn Day lost the glitter that had



won him so much acclaim, and with it, his place in the League team.

"I felt terrible about dropping out of the side after four and a half terms of continuous first team duty," confessed the West Ham 'keeper, "but when I went down with cartilage trouble that required an operation, last May, I thought 1978 looked like being the worst year I'd ever known."

"When I lost my place in the senior side, I weighed over 15 stone, and I knew there was no way I could hope for a return to the side carrying that amount. I did a lot of training on my own, and really set myself a tough programme to get into proper shape."

"When I came back against Brighton I had shed over a stone, and I felt marvellous, although I was sorry my return had been at the expense of Bobby's injury."

"But, I'm back, and have my own future to think about. I've been given the chance to establish myself again in League football, and I aim to make the most of it."

"I don't know whether I'll be out again when Bobby is fit, but I'm happy about my form since I returned. After playing in front of a few hundred spectators, it's fantastic being back in the big-time again, and involved in a push for promotion. I don't intend giving all that up so easily."

West Ham manager, John Lyall, who appreciates, more than most, the courage and determination of his young goalkeeper as he climbed the daunting, often lonely, slope that led to the first team goalposts, paid him this tribute:

"I've been delighted with Mervyn's form since he came into the side. All the old confidence is there, all the brilliant handling that made him one of the most-talked-about youngsters in the game not so long ago. The lad has worked so hard on his own to lose over a stone in weight it gives me tremendous satisfaction to see him settling in so well."

It looks as if happy days are here again for Mervyn, and fans everywhere who have thrilled to the dare-devil brilliance of this softly-spoken, unassuming sportsman, will surely agree he deserves them.

JOEY JONES

— glad to be back at Wrexham

JOEY Jones, who left Wrexham for the supercharged atmosphere of Anfield over three years ago and made a triumphant return to the Racecourse Ground in October, is enjoying every minute of his football with his old club.

Says Joey: "I made my debut for Wrexham in January, 1973, against Rotherham, then was transferred to Liverpool in 1975 to spend three memorable years there — now I'm back on the ground where I commenced my career, and my family and myself are happy at the move."

Wrexham, a free-scoring side when they topped Division Three last season, have found goals and points more difficult to come by in the Second Division. But Joey is satisfied the Welsh club have the ability to improve on their average start to the 1978-79 term.

'Convinced'

"If people can fancy the promotion chances of Crystal Palace, then they must fancy Wrexham's," says Jones. "We drew 0-0 with them at home, and our display convinced me we are as good as they are. There isn't a lot separating the leading teams from those in mid-table, and Wrexham can be up among those at the top."

"Stoke City and West Ham, who we met at the Racecourse Ground this Saturday (December 9th), are two other sides I expect to see as promotion candidates and Newcastle could also make a challenge."

Moving from First Division Liverpool to Wrexham meant stepping down a Division for Joey, plus severing his links with the famous Kop and the glamour of the foot-

ball scene at Anfield — but he has never regretted the decision which resulted in his £200,000 transfer.

"I wasn't happy at being left out of Liverpool's first team, so it was natural I should leave. But the fans there are marvellous, and I've tremendous memories of my spell at Anfield."

"During it, I was capped for Wales, won a European Cup winners' medal in Rome, a First Division Championship medal, and an F.A. Cup Final medal. We lost in that Final to Manchester United, though it didn't spoil the thrill of playing at Wembley."

"I stood on the terraces, and watched great players like Ian St. John, Roger Hunt and Tommy Smith in the Sixties, never dreaming one day I would be playing at Anfield."

"And to gain a European Cup medal with Liverpool was something I'll probably treasure most of all — the majority of players can go through their careers without the chance of getting one."

But in spite of the memories, Joey is not one who believes in living in the past.

He says: "All my future ambitions are centred on Wrexham, and perhaps this is the way it should be, seeing as I started out here."

"And while the atmosphere at Anfield is famous throughout the game, there is a great spirit among everybody connected with Wrexham — ground improvements have been made and the club is ambitious."

"Being out of the Liverpool side was the biggest disappointment of my career. But that is behind me and my second career with Wrexham lies ahead."



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HEIGHT: 5ft 8ins
WEIGHT: 11st 5lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Aston Villa and Cosmos
MARRIED: Yes to Sue
CHILDREN: No
CAR: Datsun 180B Estate
FAVOURITE PLAYER: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: The Cosmos

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I haven't one
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When Cosmos beat Seattle Sounders in the American Soccer Bowl to become 1977 N.A.S.L. Champions

BIGGEST THRILL: Playing in the same Cosmos line-up as Pele and Franz Beckenbauer
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Having to leave Aston Villa
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE FOOD: An Indian curry
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Dogs, listening to rock music and training my Sunday afternoon football team
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cheats and crawlers
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Monty Python's Flying Circus, The Sweeney and Fawlty Towers
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Roger Daltrey and The Who
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Steve McQueen and John Cleese

BEST FRIEND: Dean Brookes, a life-long mate
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My wife and family
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries and losing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None at present
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be successful
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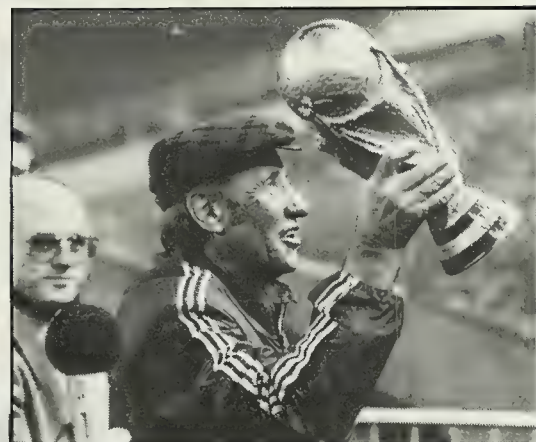
LEFT ... With the score still at 0-0, referee Wurtz decides the weather is too bad and calls the teams off.



RIGHT ... Schoen with his successor, Jupp Derwall. Derwall worked under Schoen for many years — he could not have had a better teacher.



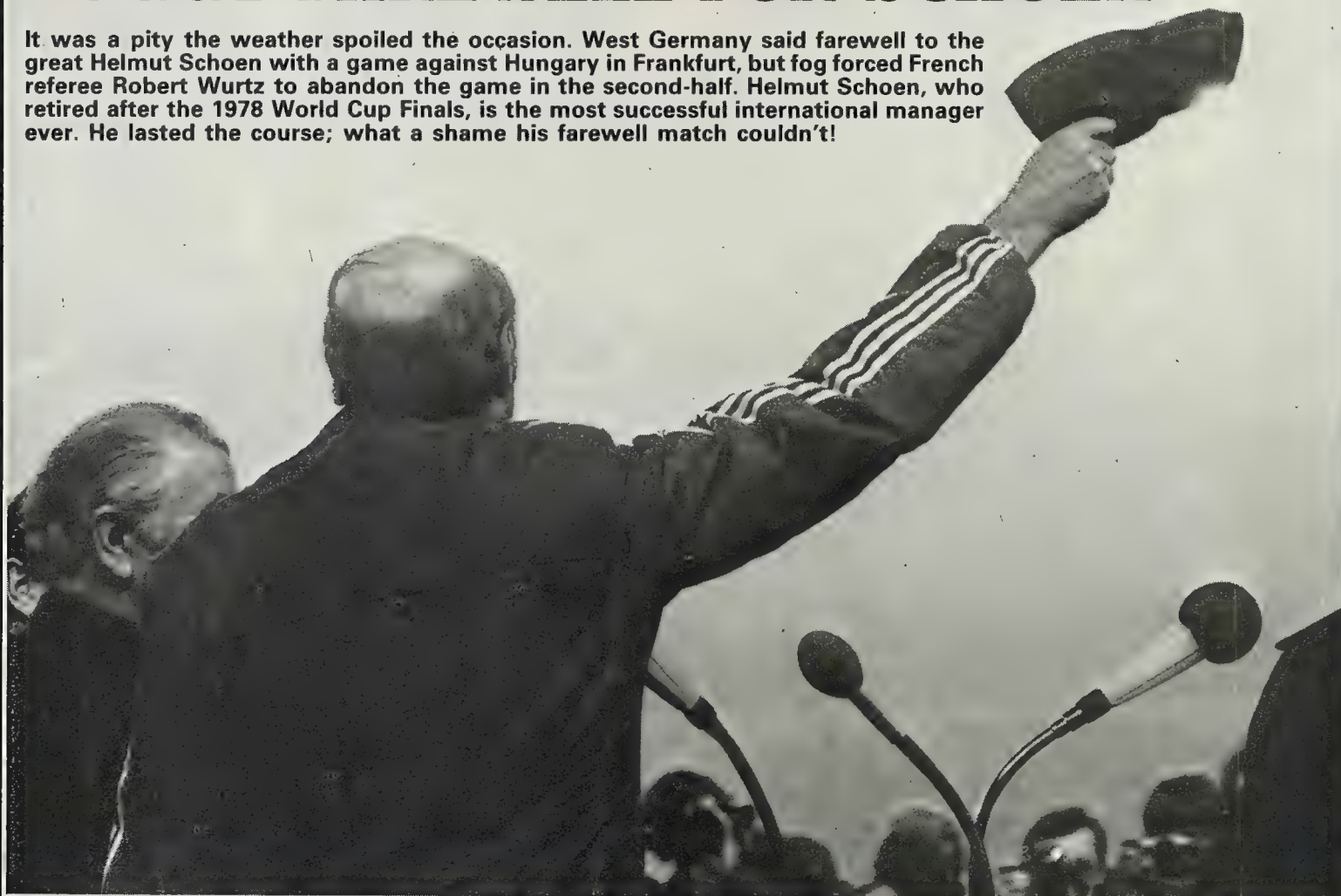
LEFT ... The famous cap that became Schoen's trademark was not spared from the special cake made for the after-match banquet.



RIGHT ... Schoen with the 1974 World Cup, which he helped West Germany win.

FOGGY FAREWELL FOR SCHOEN

It was a pity the weather spoiled the occasion. West Germany said farewell to the great Helmut Schoen with a game against Hungary in Frankfurt, but fog forced French referee Robert Wurtz to abandon the game in the second-half. Helmut Schoen, who retired after the 1978 World Cup Finals, is the most successful international manager ever. He lasted the course; what a shame his farewell match couldn't!





ALLAN CLARKE has a problem at Barnsley — *spending money*

ALLAN Clarke, a front runner of great fame during his spell at Leeds in the glory days of Don Revie, is still playing football — but combining it with management.

"Sniffer" as he was known at Elland Road went to Barnsley to learn the "hot-seat" trade.

But he still hopes to continue playing for another couple of years. He admits to finding it hard combining the two — "but I'm still fit and like playing so why not continue doing so."

Clarke has this to say of his new life as a Football League boss.

"Management came sooner than I anticipated. I had been thinking about it for the last three or four years but when the Barnsley job came up, I knew it was just what I had been looking for.

'Thriving'

"The real difference I've found is, as a player, you do your training and then go off to relax. But that's not what management is all about.

"You have a lot of other problems to think of when you're the boss — things you just took for granted as a player. But I feel this is something I am going to enjoy. I thrive under pressure, I did as a player and now the ones of management are starting to get the best out of me."

Clarke spent nine years at Leeds United and, in that time, helped the club enjoy probably its greatest spell of success.

His greatest achievement? "Winning the League Championship title in 1973-74," he recalls. "It is the most difficult prize to win in this game because you truly have to be the best, most consistent team over 42 games in a season."

And Allan's greatest disappointment? "That has to be in Paris in 1975 when we lost the European Cup Final to Bayern Munich. We beat Barcelona in the Semi-Finals and thought

we could win it. We dominated the first hour of the Final but got caught by two breakaway goals. It was my darkest hour with the club."

So after playing with such distinction, how has Clarke adapted to life as a manager?

"I never realised how difficult it could be, especially spending money. We have a little available and I need a couple of players to strengthen my first team squad. But you ring up after a player, and clubs want the earth for them. It's almost impossible to buy the right player for the right price.

"You are always learning something in this job. Never think you are bigger than the club whether you're a manager or a player. I'm picking up new things every day.

"I've got one or two really good youngsters here; kids aged about 19 or 20 who could really become something. But although they've got great potential, I've only got a couple of players with much experience and I'd like some more.

"Targets? I haven't set myself any. It depends on a lot of things. I aim to play as long as I'm useful to the side. But I won't go on past that stage."

At 32, Clarke can now look back at Leeds and see few remains of the days he knew. Only players like Paul Madeley and the Gray brothers have survived from his days at Elland Road. The future for Leeds — as Clarke sees it?

"I don't mean to be big headed or anything like that," he says, "but I honestly don't feel Leeds will ever have another team like they had five or six years ago. To have a squad like we had at that time only happens once in a lifetime, at club level. There is enough quality and ability at Leeds these days to win trophies, but another side like we had in the early 1970's? I don't think it will happen.

"But Leeds are in the past now. All I'm thinking about is my future as a manager. If I have as much success as a boss as I did as a player with Leeds then I shall be very fortunate indeed."

Rochdale can't afford to let Mike Ferguson play for them



IN between answering the telephone, supervising the ground staff and the sweeping the terraces, Mike Ferguson manages to boss Fourth Division Rochdale.

Surviving on a shoe-string budget is a hard, unenviable task that tests versatility as well as patience.

To Ferguson, the glamour of top-level football is a different world. Rochdale finished bottom of the League last season, his first as manager.

The club are so hard up that, before this season, they last paid money for a player in 1973, when striker Bob Mountford was signed from Port Vale for £2,500.

Even with six new directors on the board who have pledged cash for new players, Ferguson is having difficulty in building a side to pull them away from the relegation zone.

He explains: "For the first time in years Rochdale have the money to strengthen the side. I have agreed terms with several clubs for players, but despite being offered good money they won't come to Rochdale.

'Pressure'

"When I took the job I knew the casualty rate among managers in the lower Divisions was high. It is not the pressure that gets me, but the frustration of it all."

Ferguson has also unsuccessfully tried to tempt well-known names like Bobby Charlton and Billy Bremner out of retirement.

He is one of only four full time members of Rochdale's administrative and managerial staff.

Secretary Tom Nichol is also in charge of the youth policy, and Jimmy Robson is club coach. Before Rochdale recently appointed a commercial manager, Ferguson did that as well.

"Everything in the club goes through me or the secretary," says Ferguson. "I deal with everything from answering the phone to trying to arrange transfers.

"It is something you get used to. But some managers do not realise how lucky they are."

Rochdale used to have a two man scouting system — but both part-timers left to join more fashionable clubs.

In an attempt to create a link with the local community Ferguson insists the club's staff visit schools in the Rochdale area.

Youngsters come to the ground during school holidays, and players are encouraged to supervise football clinics.

Ferguson had an early indication that professional soccer is not all about schoolboy dreams like scoring the winning goal in the F.A. Cup Final.

He began his career with ill-fated Accrington Stanley, who folded soon after he, then 17, had refused to sign for Workington.

After spells at Blackburn, Aston Villa, Q.P.R and Cambridge United, he joined Rochdale in 1974.

Although a fit 35, his football nowadays is limited to training with his squad of 14 professionals and two apprentices.

"At some clubs I suppose I would be registered with the Football League as a player in case of emergency. But that costs money. To register me Rochdale would have to pay the League £250 and me £250.

"I would prefer to put that £500 towards another player."

Ferguson is currently spending several hours on the phone each day looking for new players. It is frustrating, but he encounters the friendly side of the sometimes cynical soccer world.

"Other managers really do try to help," he reveals. "They care, whatever other people might think Ian Greaves at Bolton, for instance, has been marvellous, offering all sorts of advice.

"Little clubs like ours provide a great grounding for a manager.

"It will take a little time, but hopefully I will improve things for Rochdale. If we can finish halfway up the table this season it will be something to build on."

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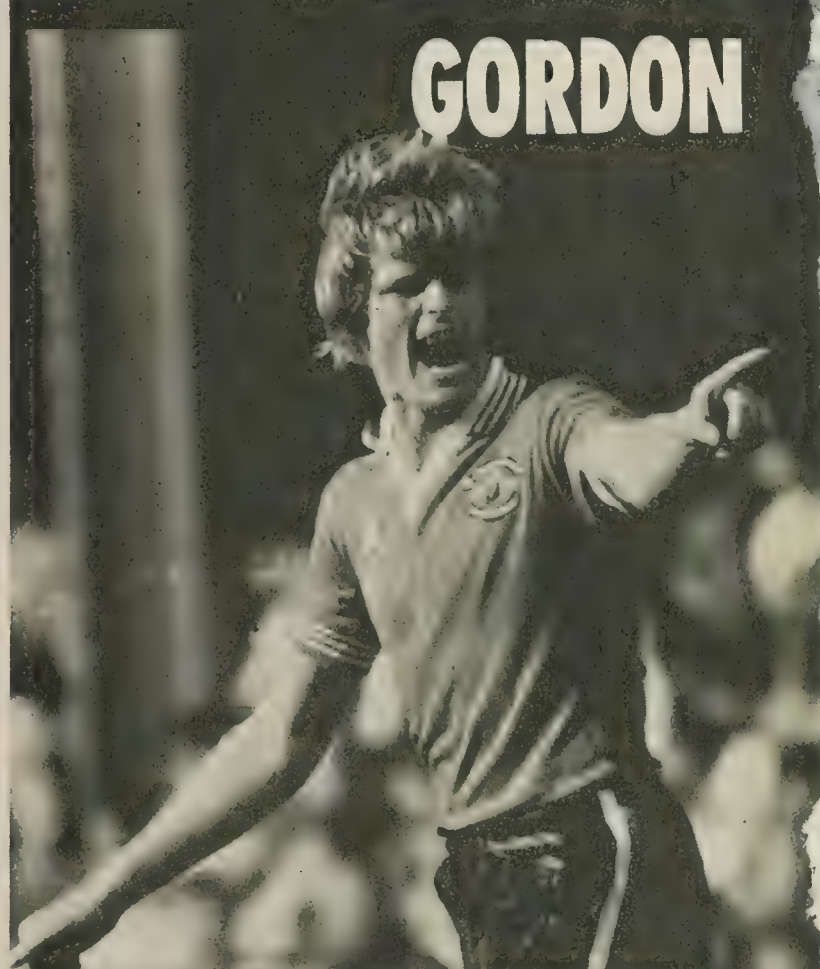
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Ally MacLeod took Scotland and Gordon to the 1978 World Cup Finals in Argentina.



When Revia left Leeds, Brian Clough took over. Jimmy Armfield (right) soon replaced him.



McQUEEN and his managers



Left: Willie Ormond (right) took over as Scotland's boss from Tommy Docherty. Below: Gordon's present international boss, Jock Stein the former Celtic and Leeds supremo.

Below: A delighted Dave Sexton after signing our star writer for United last February.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Keith Benson of Stockport, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

What's happening to United?

AS a staunch Manchester United fan, I have been surprised and disappointed at events surrounding the club lately. I don't refer to just the sordid court cases, either.

At long last Paddy Roche was dropped: nothing personal, but he simply isn't up to the standard one has come to expect at Old Trafford.

To my amazement, the club were willing to pay £440,000 for the Coventry City RESERVE goalkeeper Jim Blyth! What does that make the first team 'keeper, Les Sealey, worth? Over half a million, presumably. And in that case — what price Peter Shilton!

Of course, the deal fell through and young Gary Bailey was given his chance. Following a good performance against Ipswich, Louis Edwards, the United chairman, announced Bailey could save the club a huge fee. On the strength of ONE game, I ask you! Since when has soccer become a game of instant judgment?

A few days later I saw Bailey hand Everton two goals in their 3-0 win — perhaps United "suddenly" needed a big fee goalkeeper, after all.

There are a lot of things happening at Old Trafford that I don't understand.

● United have had a goalkeeping problem ever since Alex Stepney passed his best. Strangely, The Reds have not competed for some top-line goalies who have become available. It's been proved time and time again that to win honours you must have a secure 'keeper.

UP IN ARMS

IN a recent Big Match interview, Peter Shilton said: "I'd give my right arm to play for England."

MICHAEL DUGGAN,
GOATSTOWN

● Even with one arm the Forest 'keeper would be better than most!

PEN-PAL

I AM 16 and would like to correspond with a Liverpool fan.

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JOHN'S WORD IS HIS BOND

CONGRATULATIONS to Norwich City manager John Bond for sticking to his youth policy,

which he started when he joined the club. Many of his youngsters, such as Clive Baker, Richard Symonds, Ian Davies and Peter Mendham (below) are now first team material.

Bond has played his cards right, buying experienced players to bring the best out of the young stars.

ALAN CALLABY,
STOKE FERRY

● Norwich are one of the most attractive and attacking teams in the First Division and it was sad to see them at the bottom of a table which listed attendances for away games. The Canaries are, in my mind, more welcome opponents than most First Division clubs — but obviously the fans don't agree.



'FEARED' TEAM

HOW about this for a team of players to be frightened of:

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B. NEWSON,
THIRSK.

● After that, I suppose you'd have to have The Doc as manager!

PRE-MATCH GAMES

CLUBS should turn League days into family occasions with more entertainment.

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A penalty competition between the referee and linesmen. Players on the terraces signing autographs. A sort of "It's a Knockout" between the managers, coaches and trainers.

DAVID BAKER,
RANDWICK.

● I can just imagine Joe Jordan on the Maine Road terraces at 2.30 pm before a Manchester derby! And we have quite enough knock-outs as it is, thank you. Ask Brian Greenhoff and Alberto Tarantini!

Keep an eye on



Iain McCulloch

NOTTS County's talented mid-field man Iain McCulloch is yet another skilful Scot hoping to make his mark in English football.

The Magpies paid out a club record transfer fee of £80,000 to bring the 23-year-old from his home town Kilmarnock last April.

McCulloch was signed AFTER the transfer deadline which meant he had to wait until the beginning of the new season before making his League debut.

Although Notts were on the receiving end of a 5-2 thrashing, McCulloch quickly established himself by scoring both County's goals!

Although Jimmy Sirrel's men got off to a poor start to this term, McCulloch is enjoying life at Meadow Lane.

"Yes, it's been a great few months. We have a really nice bunch of lads in the side who have done their best to make me feel at home, both on and off the field. I couldn't have wished for a better start to life in England," he says. McCulloch was a key member of the Kilmarnock side, but because of his part-time job as a heating engineer it was difficult to combine both work and football.

"It got a bit much when I used to work all hours during the day and then go training at night. Sometimes we would have a big match coming up and I would find myself at work on a Saturday morning.

"Certainly not the best way to prepare yourself for a tough 90 minutes.

"I had made up my mind to come to England and I don't have any regrets. At first it was difficult because I was leaving my home, my family and all the people I have grown up with. But now I am more settled," admits McCulloch.

His game has certainly become much sharper since he began full

time training. While the rest of the County side struggled to find their form, McCulloch's speed and confidence began to trouble defences.

In a bid to increase County's scoring power up-front, Sirrel switched him to left-wing following Steve Carter's departure to Derby County. But now McCulloch is back in his normal midfield role.

Says Sirrel: "I heard about Iain around three or four years ago when he was just a youngster. But the funny thing was, when I first saw him play in Scotland he did not impress me too much.

"We continued to have him watched. Good reports kept coming back to me so I made a number of trips up to Kilmarnock before finally deciding to try and get him to sign for us.

'Impressed'

"Iain will continue to get better, there is no doubt about that. He is a very exciting player and a clear ball player who I am sure has a big future in the game.

"I know a lot of people are already impressed by what they have seen."

Some County fans are already beginning to compare McCulloch with Ian Scanlon, who left the club last year to join Aberdeen.

But McCulloch is looking forward to stamping his own style on the Second Division; "It is difficult to say one player looks like another. I want to show people what I can do."

McCulloch has only one small complaint: "When I see my name in the paper a lot of reporters forget my first name has an 'I' in it. Although I'm always glad when I get a mention!"

One thing is certain. Quite a number of people will be keeping an EYE on McCulloch this season!

Tartan Talk DEREK JOHNSTONE

I WAS looking through some old soccer magazines the other day and I came across one which was six years old. Out of curiosity I read it and, honestly, I was utterly amazed at the way things have changed since that publication came on the market.

For a start there was a picture of Aberdeen and out of 18 players do you know how many are still at Pittodrie? I counted three! Goalkeeper Bobby Clark, Drew Jarvie and Joe Harper, who, of course, has played for both Everton and Hibs before returning to The Dons. Astonishing, isn't it?

Even the manager in the picture — Jimmy Bonithrone — is out of the game and I hear he is a car salesman in Fife now. What a remarkable transformation in only six years. I think that's what you call the changing face of soccer.

On another page there were four photographs of Hibs players — Jimmy O'Rourke, John Blackley, Johnny Hamilton and Arthur Duncan. Only one of them — Duncan — is still playing at Easter Road.

And look at the way things have gone for the other three. Blackley is in the English Second Division with Newcastle and O'Rourke has quit playing after spells with St. Johnstone and Motherwell. He now has a back-room post at Hibs.

'In six years, how things have changed'



Colin Stein (left) is on hand to score the first goal for Rangers in their 3-2 European Cup-Winners' Cup triumph against Moscow Dynamo.



Hamilton, of course, was a Rangers team-mate of mine last season and, in fact, won a League Cup medal when we beat Celtic. Since then he has been freed, joined Millwall and left them to go to First Division St. Johnstone. I can hardly keep track of some players!

There's also a picture of international action and the Scots players in the thick of it are Eddie Colquhoun, George Graham and Peter Lorimer. I wonder if they'll play for Scotland again!

And there's an unusual shot of Billy McNeill, playing for Celtic, tackling, would you believe, Alfie Conn! Now Billy is Alfie's manager at Parkhead! What a world we live in.

On another page there is a full-length picture of Rangers players with the European Cup-Winners' Cup after our 3-2 victory over Moscow Dynamo in Barcelona. Well, I recognised me!

Seriously, though, Davie Smith, Colin Stein, Willie Mathieson, Willie Johnston and Alfie Conn along with reserve goalkeepers Gerry Neef and Bobby Watson, not to be confused with the Airdrie manager of the same name, were all joining in with the celebrations, but, of course, they have all moved on now.

And hairstyles have changed, too. You can hardly see Alex MacDonald's face for his side whiskers! Sandy Jardine, too, was sporting fairly long hair.

On yet another page a writer — I won't embarrass him by naming names — was predicting a great future for a young Motherwell winger called John Gray. I don't want to appear big-time, but that is one prediction that didn't quite hit the target. I wonder where young John is now...

The magazine also had a feature on the team of the month. There was a brilliant youngster by the name of... ahem... Derek Johnstone,

chosen in the back-four. The team was (4-3-3): Clark (Aberdeen); Brownlie (Hibs), Johnstone (Rangers), Smith (Rangers), Forsyth (Partick Thistle); Stanton (Hibs), O'Rourke (Hibs), Conn (Rangers), Jimmy Johnstone (Celtic), Harper (Aberdeen) and Dalglish (Celtic).

Well, myself, Clark and Harper are still with the same clubs, but take a look at the other changes. Alex Forsyth is now a team-mate at Rangers after leaving Thistle for Manchester United for £100,000. He is, of course, still on loan at Ibrox.

Brownlie has moved from Hibs to Newcastle, Smith is player-manager with Berwick Rangers, Stanton is assistant-manager at Aberdeen, O'Rourke, we already know is an assistant at Hibs, Conn is, of course, with Celtic, Jimmy Johnstone isn't involved with the Scottish soccer scene and Kenny Dalglish is currently the rave of the Kop after his £440,000 transfer at the start of last season.

Honestly, reading that magazine fairly took my breath away. I wonder where I will be in six years' time. It's a mind boggling thought, isn't it?

I think I'll keep this week's SHOOT magazine and put it in a safe place for six years and open it to take another walk down memory lane...

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th

**Celtic v. Rangers
at Hampden Park**

Testing time

LAST season Celtic met Rangers in the League Cup at Hampden and lost 2-1 in extra-time in their 14th successive Final in this tournament.

In goal for the Parkhead men that afternoon was Peter Latchford while Stewart Kennedy guarded the line for the Ibrox side. Neither Latchford nor Kennedy are likely to play when the Old Firm meet in what promises to be a dramatic Semi-Final at Hampden on Wednesday (December 13).

Roy Baines has taken over from fellow-Englishman Latchford and Peter McCloy has replaced Kennedy. It's going to be a testing time for both at Hampden, but they are looking forward to the big game.

"I just hope I play," says Baines, taking nothing for granted. "It's great to be involved in the first team again and I know I must maintain top form if I am to keep Peter out."

"This game obviously means an awful lot to everyone at Parkhead. If we win we will be in our 15th consecutive League Cup Final. That's a

record we don't want to lose. I doubt if it will ever be beaten even as it stands at the moment.

"We played Rangers at Hampden in the Premier Division match recently and drew 1-1 which most people seemed to think was a fair result. We were leading 1-0 with skipper Andy Lynch putting us ahead with a superb goal, but Alex Forsyth equalised for Rangers with a penalty-kick shortly afterwards.

"If we had taken it more calmly after our goal and kept a grip on the game we would have gone on to win. That's one lesson learned... it should come in handy on Wednesday."

On the other side of the field McCloy will be doing his best to defy the Celtic raiders. He was the busier of the two goalkeepers during that League encounter and distinguished himself with several first class saves.

"I wouldn't mind a repeat this time out," says Peter, the tallest keeper at 6ft 4in in Scotland. However, he adds quickly: "Only this time I want to see Rangers winning, of course."

"We've played well in the big occasion games

ROY BAINES

**Aberdeen v. Hibs
at Dens Park**

Strikers set

DENS PARK, home of Dundee, will rock to its foundations on Wednesday, but Tommy Gemmell's First Division leaders will have nothing at all to do with the red hot action that will be served up at a blistering pace.

Aberdeen and Hibs meet in the other League Cup Semi-Final on this neutral ground and the sparks are certain to fly as these two experienced and highly entertaining teams battle it out for the right to play at Hampden in the Final on December 23.

Joe Harper, goal thief extraordinary, will be the man Hibs will have to curb while, at the other end, the Easter Road side's dangerman will be the unpredictable, enigmatic Ally MacLeod.

These two dynamic raiders know all about the pressures today's soccer world can bring and their careers, in fact, have uncanny parallels. Harper started his career with Morton while MacLeod began his with near-neighbours St. Mirren.

Harper has had spells in England with both Huddersfield and Everton while MacLeod has tried his luck with Southampton. Both were team-mates at Hibs before Harper took his shooting boots to Pittodrie for a second time.

Now both face up to each other as modern day duelists at Dens Park and it's a shoot-out that should prove to be extremely



Aberdeen's goal-machine Joe Harper (centre) in action against Tottenham during a pre-season friendly.

SEMI-FINALS

for 'keepers

such as the European Cup-ties against Juventus and PSV Eindhoven and we will certainly rise to this match."

Manager John Greig is quick to praise the efforts of McCloy. He says: "Really, he has been playing very well this season and that's the way I want it to stay."

"He was superb against Celtic and he was brilliant in our 0-0 draw with Aberdeen at Pittodrie — a ground where a lot of teams will lose this term."

"Peter has been gaining in confidence this year and it is showing in his play. He is in control of his penalty-area and no forward can look forward to facing him."

McCloy has even been tipped for international honours again by many critics. He says: "It's nice to read things like that, but I'm concentrating purely on Rangers at the moment. I want to get everything right at club level before even thinking about the international scene again."

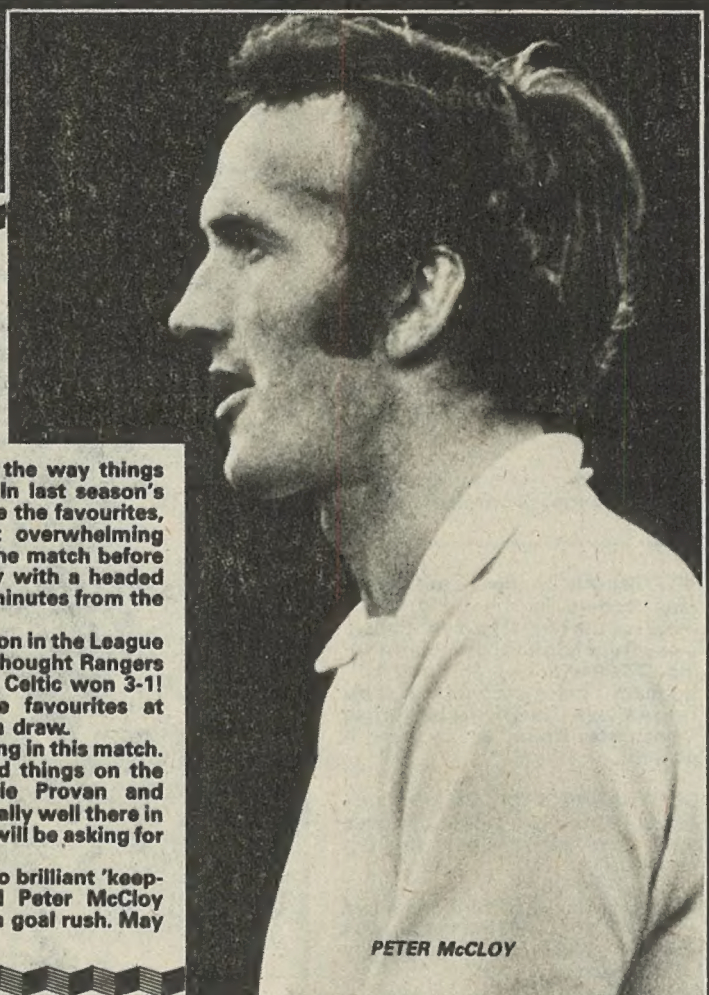
Well, who's going to win on Wednesday? Old

Firm games are notorious for the way things swing against the favourites. In last season's League Cup Final Rangers were the favourites, but they were under almost overwhelming pressure at one stage during the match before eventually claiming the trophy with a headed goal from Gordon Smith two minutes from the end of extra-time.

When the clubs met this season in the League at Parkhead, the critics again thought Rangers would do it. What happened? Celtic won 3-1! And Rangers were again the favourites at Hampden, but managed only a draw.

So, form really goes for nothing in this match. Celtic will be looking for good things on the wings against Rangers. Davie Provan and Johnny Doyle played exceptionally well there in the 1-1 draw and Billy McNeill will be asking for the same again.

One thing is certain. With two brilliant 'keepers such as Roy Baines and Peter McCloy around there is unlikely to be a goal rush. May the best team win . . .



PETER MCCLOY

to make sparks fly

intriguing.

"This should be a cracking match," says Harper. "I'm really looking forward to it."

"Hibs are a fine side with some very good players and, of course, I know all about their manager Eddie Turnbull as I have played under his guidance at both Pittodrie and Easter Road."

"I'm determined to put one over on my old mates at Dens Park just as I am sure they want to put one over on me. It all adds up to a Semi-Final where no quarter will be asked or given."

"One thing is certain . . . the fans should get good value for money. There can be no doubt about that."

MacLeod, so graceful and alert, has been playing well for Hibs this season in a deeper role although he has still been hitting his fair share of the goals.

"I'll be looking for a couple against The Dons," he says. "The main thing, though, is we win. I don't care who scores the goals for us so long as we score at least one more than Aberdeen."

The glittering prize being dangled in front of both Hibs and Aberdeen, of course, is a meeting in the Final against either Celtic or Rangers and that will certainly be one of the most glamorous occasions of the season no matter the pairing.

Another player Aberdeen will



Hibs' Ally MacLeod beats Alex MacDonald of Rangers. Could these two clash again in the League Cup Final?

have to watch very carefully is Hibs' latest pin-up boy Isak Refvik, the Norwegian currently on trial at Easter Road along with his countryman Sven Mathisen.

Refvik is swiftly developing a menacing reputation in Scotland with his aggression in the penalty-box and it was this little Viking in the Gerd Muller mould who ham-

pered in both goals to give Hibs a 2-1 aggregate victory over Morton in the Quarter-Finals.

Mathisen, who set up both Norway's goals in the European Championship match against Scotland at Hampden this season, is another highly talented player who drifts around the midfield hitting telling passes off either side of

his foot.

The stage, then, is set for a sizzler and, like the Old Firm match, it is virtually impossible to predict the outcome. It could all depend on a bounce of the ball, a lucky chance or a controversial decision at the end of the day.

We will just have to wait and see!

FULHAM'S crowd of 26,556, who watched their 0-0 draw with West Ham at Craven Cottage on 21st November, was their biggest League attendance for two years.

LUTON Town's 2-1 victory against Charlton Athletic at The Valley, on the same evening, was their first away League win for 11 months.

NEW Wolves manager John Barnwell had an immediate effect on his players. In his first game the struggling First Division club beat Bristol City 1-0 at Ashton Gate. The winning goal was scored by their talented midfield star Steve Daley (right), who has been the subject of a massive transfer bid.

TOTTENHAM Hotspur are the current leaders in the Daily Mail's table for the biggest crowd-pullers away from home. They are averaging 37,269 with Liverpool and Nottingham Forest second and third respectively. Traditional favourites Manchester United are in seventh position.

SOUTHAMPTON'S 2-0 win against Aston Villa on November 21st was their first League win for ten games.

THE draw for the Third Round of the F.A. Cup will be made next Saturday, November 16th, the day of the Second Round.

Soccer Statistics



BARNET goalkeeper Peter Smith scored direct from a clearance to give his club the lead in a Southern League match against Champions Bath City. The game finished 1-1.

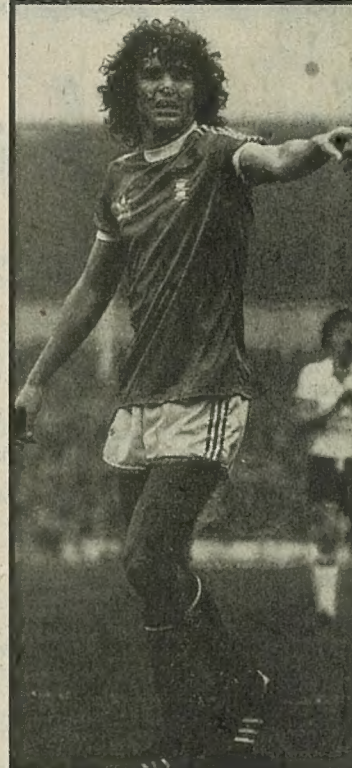
STUART Taylor made his 500th League appearance for Bristol Rovers on Saturday, November 25th. He celebrated in fine style by having a hand in both goals as Rovers beat Sheffield United 2-1 at Eastville.

ANOTHER player to reach a personal milestone on the same day was Cardiff City's Tony Evans. He scored his first goal for more than a year on his 100th appearance for the Welsh club in their 2-2 draw against Crystal Palace at Ninian Park.

SOUTHAMPTON'S Yugoslavian international Ivan Golac will remember his first Football League goal. He unfortunately scored an own-goal v. Leeds in a 4-0 drubbing at Elland Road on November 25th.

FORMER Manchester United goalkeeper Harry Gregg, who quit the club 21 years ago, rejoined them on November 29th. He left Crewe, where he had been manager, to become the only goalkeeping coach in the First Division.

ANOTHER import, Alberto Tarantini (below) of Birmingham City, scored his first goal in the Football League in his club's 1-1 draw at home to Bristol City on November 25th.



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BIG MATCH

CROSSTALK

between Joe Gallagher (Birmingham centre-half) and Bob Latchford (Everton striker)

BIRMINGHAM CITY V. EVERTON

Saturday, 9th December, 1978



Latchford is on hand to score for Everton v. Birmingham during last season's clash at Goodison. Everton won 2-1.

GALLAGHER: I always enjoy playing against either of the Merseyside teams, Bob. Liverpool are my favourite club, and I also have respect for Everton — but this does not alter the fact Birmingham badly need the two points, and I'll be going all out to see they stay at St. Andrews.

LATCHFORD: I can understand the way you feel about winning this match, Joe. As an ex-Birmingham player myself, I know only too well that in recent years, the club has had to struggle. But this season, your fight to stay in the First Division has started early, and I know we are in for a tough match.

GALLAGHER: Well, I suppose it's a good example of a top versus bottom confrontation. Yet I can honestly say of all the teams we've met so far this term, only Liverpool have convinced me they are better than Birmingham. So we won't be going into this match suffering from an inferiority complex.

LATCHFORD: What it boils down to is neither Birmingham or Everton can afford to give away points. We are challenging for the top spot in the League, and it is only by doing well away, in addition to winning at Goodison, we can maintain our challenge.

GALLAGHER: Sorry to say this, but I don't think anybody is going to stop Liverpool winning the League Championship. However, I know Everton are a hard side to beat, and now with Colin Todd in the



JOE GALLAGHER

defence, will be giving very little away.

LATCHFORD: I remember the last meeting between us ended in a 0-0 draw at St. Andrews, although I'm not saying it will be a similar result this time. As a team which is best when attacking, I expect Everton to be going for goals right from the kick-off.

GALLAGHER: Predicting a scoreline is certainly a thankless business, but I'll stick my neck out by forecasting there will be goals



BOB LATCHFORD

in this game. A happy omen for us is we've scored five goals, against Manchester United, and three against Bolton, in recent home matches.

LATCHFORD: I'm aware we will have to keep a close watch on Alan Buckley and Don Givens. Don is a good player, and Alan is very sharp in and around the penalty-area, so we'll be on the alert against them.

GALLAGHER: I look forward to some rare tussles between you and myself, Bob. Your team-mates

like to find you with high balls, and as I reckon I'm pretty useful in the air, I anticipate we'll be competing quite a bit during the 90 minutes. And I'm not forgetting our defence need to keep an eye on Andy King and Dave Thomas, who can't be given any space.

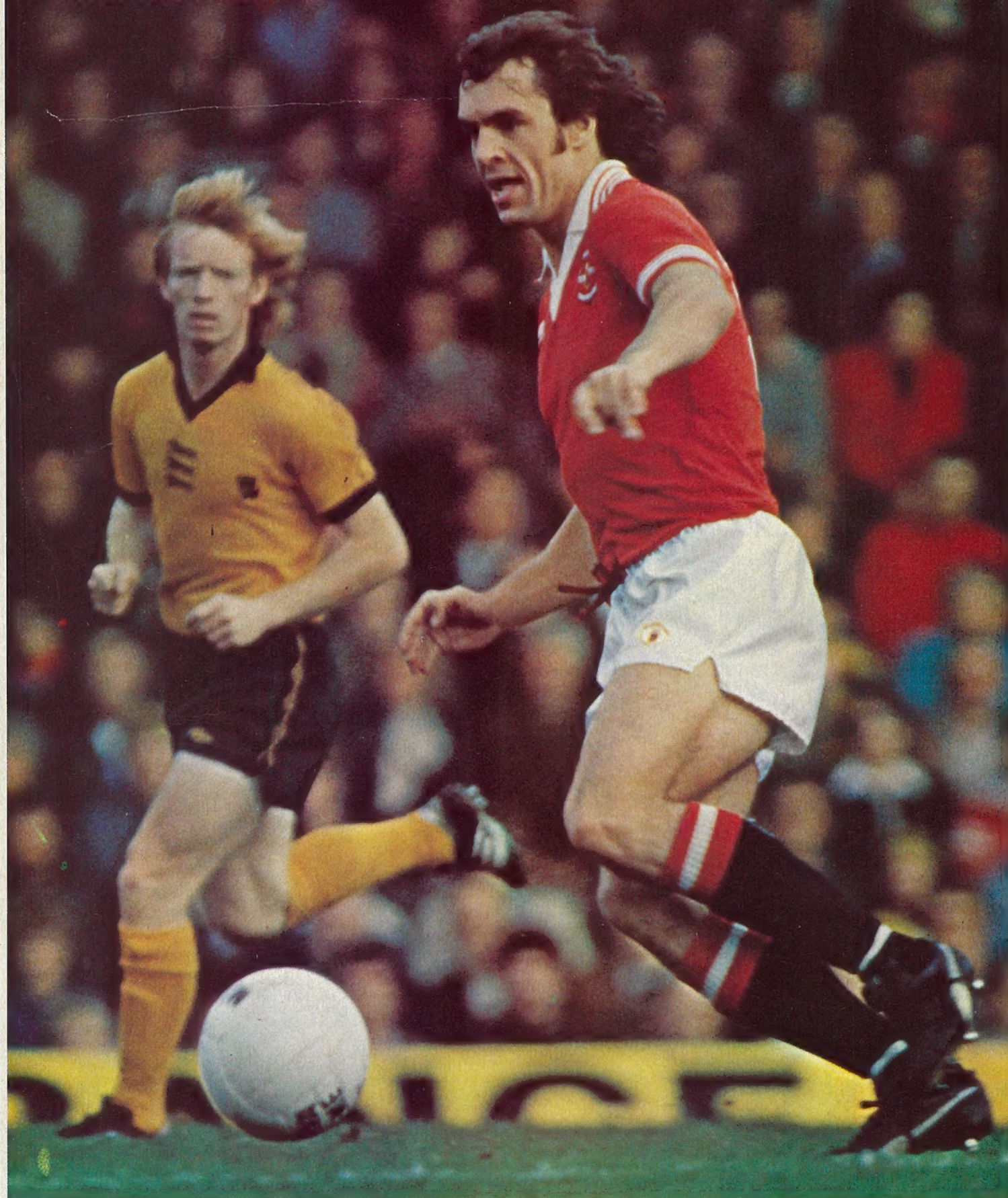
LATCHFORD: The morale at Goodison is first-class these days, and we carry this confidence to away grounds. But I have noted the points you've collected at St. Andrews, in November, and one thing we won't do is under-rate you — we don't want Birmingham to climb up the table at our expense.

GALLAGHER: You mentioned Everton will attack, and as we'll be doing the same, there ought to be loads of action at St Andrews in this match. We are a young side, with players such as Mark Dennis, Kevin Dillon, Trevor Francis, Alberto Tarantini and Keith Bertschin on the books and I'm sure they have the potential to keep Birmingham in the First Division.

LATCHFORD: I hope you do stay in Division One, Joe. But even though Birmingham is an old club of mine, Everton need to come out on top in this one, and nothing less will satisfy us.

GALLAGHER: A win for Birmingham would satisfy me in two respects. We would get two points — and we would be doing a favour for a club I support — Liverpool!

Manchester United and Scotland
striker Joe Jordan on the ball
watched closely by Willie Carr of
Wolverhampton Wanderers.



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